

PRESS RELEASE

ExcellenSeas SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - EYDAP

Open seas for the success of young people from the borderline islands

The ExcellenSeas Scholarship Program announces the renewal of its collaboration with the Athens Water Supply and Sewerage Company (EYDAP S.A.) in the framework of supporting excellent students from small borderline Greek islands.

More particularly, the ExcellenSeas program begun as an initiative of the Pastra Cretonaxiosa offshore swimming team. The members of the team, while swimming long distances in various areas of the Greek seas and communicating with the local communities, have gained a direct perception of the special conditions and needs of the small remote islands of our country. For this reason, the team set as a goal of its swimming excursions to raise public awareness and raise funds, in order to provide financial support in the form of scholarships for students coming from these islands. Further, the team's swimming missions have been taking place under the auspices of HE the Presidency of the Hellenic Republic.

Since 2018, when the initiative first started, ExcellenSeas has awarded 33 scholarships to students from islands like Astypalea, Kastelorizo, Meganisi, St Stratis, Nisyros, Chalki, Psara, Kasos and Fournoi, who are currently studying at several university faculties of our country's Universities. The program, in order to successfully provide all the above, is supported by a wide range of companies and organizations that undertake to provide scholarships for the program's scholars, among which EYDAP is now included.

The vision of the ExcellenSeas program is the development of the local communities in the borderline islands through the academic and professional progress of the young people of these islands. In particular, the aim of our initiative is to reward and support excellent students in these islands, who have been accepted to universities, but need support to meet the financial needs of their studies. Thus, through targeted financial support and advisory guidance, under the auspices of the Scientific Committee of the program, we award scholarships that cover the entire range of university studies. The program also provides to the scholars the opportunity to participate in short-term internships in order to gain professional experience, depending on their respective scientific field.

The Scientific Committee of ExcellenSeas is staffed by Professors of Greek and foreign Universities, as well as by personalities distinguished for their ethics and high academic and professional level. The key task of the Committee is the selection of scholarship holders and the close monitoring of their academic development. In addition, task of the Committee is also the provision of valuable consulting work in the next stage for the students' lives, that towards their professional rehabilitation.

In total, the support that scholarship recipients have received at both the advisory and financial levels - especially given the economic impact of the recent pandemic - is a key driver of their academic progress. Our goal is to continue for the next years in order to contribute in the progress and the development of our borderline islands and in providing equal opportunities to the students coming from these islands.

Information on EYDAP

EYDAP was founded in 1980 after the merge of the incumbent water supplier in Athens and Piraeus "Hellenic Water Company" (EEY S.A.) and the "Greater Athens Sewerage Organization" (OAP S.A.). In 1999, EYDAP took its present legal form, as all of its major assets - of dams, reservoirs, water towers, pumping stations and all other facilities that allow water to be transferred safely to treatment plants- were transferred to the company "EYDAP Assets", thus remaining the property of the Greek State. In January 2000, EYDAP S.A. was listed on the Main Market of the Athens Stock Exchange.

EYDAP is the largest company of its kind in Greece and serves approximately 4,400,000 customers (2,160,000 water meters) while the length of water pipelines is 14,000 km. The sewerage sector serves 3,500,000 residents with sewers spreading at almost 9,500 km.

The Company's object is:

- To provide water supply and sewerage services.
- To design, construct, install, operate, manage, maintain, expand and upgrade water supply and sewerage systems.
- To pump, desalinate, process, transfer, store and distribute all kinds of water as a means of serving EYDAP's object.
- To manage and dispose the wastewater treatment products.

EYDAP's area of service is the greater metropolitan area of Athens. However, EYDAP has the right to provide a full range of services in the outside area of its responsibility via subsidiaries and through programming contracts with local authorities.

For more information on EYDAP, visit the website following the link: <https://www.eydap.gr/en/Home/>

For more information on the scholarship initiative and framework under which our scholarships are provided, visit our website following the link: www.excellenseas.org .