

THE KAVALA PROGRAM

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What is the Kavala Program?

The Athens office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the TH. & D. Tsatsos Foundation launched the Progressive Youth Academy (PYA) in 2017 – a young leaders program that aims to promote the participation of young people in public debate and political decision-making in Greece.

In the final session of the PYA installment last March on Sunday 26, all 21 participants got together and developed a strong political statement. They formulated a written memorandum containing ideas for a solidary, free and equal society. PYA students were divided into five thematic committees and worked on topics that are crucial to progressive politics. They expressed their visions and goals and suggested the instruments needed to create the society they wish for. The “Kavala Program” is the result of their work.



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EUROPEAN POLITICS



Our vision is a resilient social Europe



What are we trying to achieve?

A reinforced European identity

A social and inclusive Europe

Europe as a leader in international cooperation



How do we go about?

Regarding European identity:

**Expansion of European citizenship's rights- unitary European citizenship
Exchange programmes for all (from primary school pupils to elder people).**

Lifelong learning opportunities

Free meals in schools, promoting healthy food and local products

EU-history and -institutions as a common subject in member states' schools

Proliferation of EU democratic values by reinforcing civil society groups

Regarding social and inclusive Europe:

Convergence of national economies

Renewing the social protection net - Promoting a European Welfare State.

**Eradicating social inequalities by introducing a) the European basic income b) insurance
for unemployed EU citizens c) Common pension fund and health care insurance for all EU
citizens by 2040**

Regarding Europe's international presence

**Consolidating the European institutional roles: International Representation of the Union
by the EU Commission President and the E.U foreign affairs' minister**

Permanent seat on the United Nations' Security Council

Common Foreign Policy under the guidance of an EU foreign affairs' minister

Creating a Forum for Africa, annual meeting bringing together EU and African leaders

LABOR AND THE WELFARE STATE



**Our vision is to reestablish labor rights
and social security**



What are we trying to achieve?

Higher degree of unionisation

Higher level of labor de commodification

Investing in human capital

Consolidating universal public health coverage and education



How do we go about it?

Financing independent Trade Unions (through contributions)

Regulating collective bargaining

**Strengthening safety nets: Unemployment benefits for two years (equal to
previous salary), EU-contribution by 20% to unemployment benefits of
member states**

State founded job training programs

Investing 10% of GDP in education

Investing 30% of GDP in public health

CLIMATE CHANGE- SUSTAINABILITY AND JUST TRANSITIONS



Our vision is... "go green go clean"!



What are we trying to achieve?

Responsible Production & Consumption

Environmental Conscience

Clean Water



How do we go about it?

Responsible Production & Consumption:

Reducing plastic waste by offering sustainable alternatives, for example bamboo straws, reusable cups, biodegradable bags

Providing financial incentives for renewable energy sources, such as reduced taxation for those who use renewable energy sources.

Supporting eco-friendly social actions in the context of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives

Promoting consumption of goods and services from green/equal opportunity employers while empowering fair trade.

Developing a recycling reward system, for example earning a small monetary amount for every can/glass bottle returned



Environmental Conscience:

- Promoting green tourism, especially while visiting/organizing large scale events like the Olympic Games**
- Developing and sustaining food waste redistribution or networks**
- Raising the quality and affordability of public transportation**
- Supporting meat-free initiatives, like meat-free Mondays because even one day a week can make a world of difference**
- Offering formal and non-formal education training on environmental consciousness from an early age**
- Funding more environmental research to obtain scientific data on the impact of climate change and public health**
- Turning cities into smart cities**

Clean water:

- Clean drinking water for all!**
- Establishing the use of water filter systems everywhere**
- Providing clean water training, obligatory to all**
- Supporting local and sustainable fishing models, like low impact fishers**
- Monitoring fishing practices during reproduction seasons and clean oceans from plastic**
- Promoting responsible fishing by providing training to fishermen and fishing companies on protected species**
- Expanding the use of plastic waste filters in the oceans**

GREECE'S GEOPOLITICAL PLAN



Our Vision is that Greece becomes a role model of good governance in the region of Balkans



What are we trying to achieve?

**On economical level we want Greece:
to position itself as an energy, a commercial and an investment hub; a
triple hub that will bring prosperity and sustainable growth**

**On political level we want Greece:
to be the mediator between EU and NATO
to promote democratization and human rights in the region of
Balkans.
to become a voice of social democracy in the region.**

**On security level we want Greece:
to become a stabilizing force, an actor that resolves and balances
tensions
to show counter-terrorism and counter-extremism initiatives
to provide monitoring and supervision solutions in defense and
security issues**



How do we go about?

On economical level:

- Developing the Southern Gas Corridor, TAP and Renewable Energy Infrastructure
- Achieving energy independence until 2030, with focus on renewable energy sources
- Creating networks between entrepreneurs and energy stakeholders
- Developing business-friendly and non-bureaucratic frameworks

On political level:

- Supporting Balkan NGOs and Civil Organizations that deal with gender equality, human rights and democracy
- Developing Diplomatic channels with multi and bilateral agreements
- Cooperating with EU/NATO/regional institutions in order to increase the mutual trust and the efficiency of those institutions with Greece as a point of connection

On security level:

- Modernizing and educating Armed Forces on the principles of social democracy
- Creating a Balkan Emergency Joint Center, that will enhance cooperation and mutual trust among countries
- Cooperating with other intelligence counter-terrorism centers, that will improve the efficiency of the counter-terrorism initiatives
- Creating a joint force against human trafficking and drug trafficking in order to tackle corruption and crime
- Creating a common, efficient and democratic immigration policy based on solidarity that gets unanimous support from all countries

YOUTH PARTICIPATION



Our vision is a progressive youth that participates actively in every aspect of politics and society and thus affects the decision making process



What are we trying to achieve?

Promoting a more high-grade education

Improving the educational system

Strengthening the youth's influence

Enhancing a political active youth

Promoting consideration and empathy among young people

Furthering the integration of youth in every aspect of political life and the society

Fostering political opinion formation

Encouraging youth volunteering

Emphasizing importance of ecological footprint and reduction of pollution



How do we go about?

Actions requiring funds:

Putting Greek youth delegation in every major organization: UN, EU, Greek National Council from elected youth delegates, local youth councils and local delegates in every city

Organizing campaigns that call the youth to participate in society and political life

Investing in education by reforming the curricula, hiring more teachers and promoting lifelong professional retraining for teachers and active citizenship seminars

Promoting youth mobility

Creating non-formal educational NGOs for youth participation

Fostering youth structures like youth-hubs in every city

Promoting research and training for young people

Actions that do not require funds:

Promoting youth campaigns through social media

Networking local youth with European and international youth

Enhancing a prosperous dialogue between youth and politicians as well as youth and society

Reinforcing youth activism especially in terms of environmental and political commitment

Implementing a youth quota (30%) in order to improve youth participation in Greek and European elections

