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About Us

Founded in Athens in 1985 by Prof. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O) is a non-profit NGO with the mission to promote international environmental cooperation and education. Through its global reach, B.I.O. casts a spotlight on the urgency of voicing concern over climate change and environmental abuse, by bringing people from all corners of the world together in a universal appreciation of bios, all life on our planet.

- 30 years of achievement paving the way for climate action internationally
- 165 countries in our global network
- 12 years of free e-learning education with participation from 140 countries
- 58 e-learning programs have been implemented from 2004 to 2015
- 20 Youth Bios-Olympiads with more than 12,000 participants
- 150 publications, books, educational manuals and textbooks, volumes of international conference proceedings, articles and monographs
- 66 prizes, honors and distinctions received
- 700 lectures, seminars, international conferences, cultural and awareness raising events

The term “biopolitics” was created out of love for biology and the belief that bios is a link that unites all people. With friends and representatives in 165 countries around the world, B.I.O. focuses on the advancement of international environmental policy – biopolicy – to guarantee a global climate-smart development paradigm. In strong belief that knowledge holds the key to our future, B.I.O. has launched a pioneer educational program (<http://elearning.biopolitics.gr/>) to encourage a climate resilient society and inspire the next generation of world changing leaders. The goal is for everyone to have access to environmental education and to be empowered to improve their lives and communities.

B.I.O. actively engages in many prominent international initiatives, including:

- Advancing the global need for environmental and climate policy through consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Spurring heads-of-state to bring about change by partnering with the Vienna Economic Forum, the Balkan Political Club, the Eurasian Economic Summit and the Global Roundtable
- Energizing the efforts of the Research Alliance for Development, a think-tank for the eradication of poverty sponsored by the World Bank
- Inspiring new partnership models for the environment at several Annual World Bank Conferences on Development Economics
- Turning an environmental vision into action and encouraging others to do the same by participating as academic liaison in the World Bank's European Academic Action Network for Development
- Motivating decision-makers to see climate change mitigation as a priority in economic policy at Annual German World Bank meetings and the Global Marshal Plan Initiative
- Influencing leaders to deliver meaningful results at the Symposium on the Worldwatch Institute Report and the State of the World Forum
- Spearheading the implementation of new ideas at the Tällberg Forum, Sweden
- Introducing environmental and climate change concerns as a priority in bioethics with the Scientific Committee of the International Bioethics Society in Gijon, Spain, the Pontifical Academy for Life and the Academic Committee of the Regional Interdisciplinary Program for Bioethics in Latin America
- Mobilizing regional and global efforts to advance the exchange of knowledge on climate issues with the Club of Rome, the World Society for Ekistics, the Marmara Foundation and the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts
- Shedding new light on climate and life as a vehicle for the creation of a harmonious society by partnering with the World Academy of Art and Science and engaging technology and the arts in the service of climate change mitigation as a catalyst for dialogue and change.
- Promoting the fundamental human right to a clean environment in cooperation with the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Court of the Environment Foundation and other leading institutions.
- Contributing to the implementation of the UN's Millennium Development Goals, dealing with climate change mitigation, the eradication of poverty, clean and safe natural resources and sustainable energy and development.

Recent European Commission and National Projects

- European Commission, Leonardo da Vinci Education and Culture Lifelong Learning Programme (European Commission)
- Promoting Urban Sustainable Development in Local Authorities – Leonardo da Vinci Community Vocational Action Programme Second Phase 2000-2006 (European Commission)
- Farm Forward – Transferring knowledge and skills for competitive and sustainable agriculture to agricultural workers through innovative e-learning content
- Education for Development and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka – Environmental Sustainability and Millennium Development Goals (Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Hellenic Aid)
- Working for the Environment – Working for the Future (Ministry of Labor and Social Security)
- Sustainable Development and Youth – e-Learning – Green Jobs – Green Salary (Ministry of Education, General Secretariat for Youth)
- Sustainable Development and Strengthening the Role of Youth in Building a Green Society (Ministry of Education, General Secretariat for Youth)
- Education for the Millennium Development Goals – Environmental Sustainability and Eradication of Poverty in Turkey (Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Hellenic Aid)
- Innovative Practices in Biotourism – New Dimensions for Development in Prespa & Korca, IPA cross-border program Greece – Albania 2007-2013 (European Commission)
- Biotourism and New Opportunities for Development in Southeastern Phthiotis, Local LEADER project. Actions for the promotion and emergence of the comparative advantages of the region of Phthiotis (Rural Development Program of Greece 2007–2013, axis 4 of the LEADER approach, Action L313-4)
- Biotourism and the promotion of the comparative advantages of Southern Epirus – Arta & Preveza, Local LEADER project (Rural Development Program of Greece 2007–2013, axis 4 of the LEADER approach, Action L313-4)
- Biotourism – Olive Culture in the Land of Messinia, Local LEADER project (Rural Development Program of Greece 2007–2013, axis 4 of the LEADER approach, Action L313-4)
- Biotourism and the Promotion of the Leader Area of Lasithi, Local LEADER project (Rural Development of Greece 2007–2013, axis 4 of the LEADER approach, Action L313-4)

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