

Memorandum of Understanding

In the field of the Protection of the Environment

Between

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of the State of Israel

And

The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”

Having regard to the excellent bilateral relations between the Parties,

Noting that both Parties regard the issue of Environmental Protection and the issue of Climate Change as issues of the highest priority,

Have agreed on the following:

1. The Parties shall cooperate in good faith, and exchange know-how and experiences, in accordance with their national strategies, in the fields of environmental protection, combating climate change and adaptation to climate change,
2. The Parties shall exchange good practices and scientific information in the field of environmental expertise, especially in the fields of water management (including best practices on river basin management plans, water conservation, waste water treatment and reuse, management of olive oil production waste), marine environment, desalination, waste management (including composting of municipal waste and agro-industry, management of biogas production residues, management of wastewater treatment sludges), energy efficiency, combating desertification and forest management experiences,
3. The Parties may, upon mutual agreement, establish ad hoc joint projects in the above mentioned fields,
4. Other fields of cooperation may be added upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

5. To implement the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Parties will encourage Government to Government cooperation as well as the establishment of contacts between companies in both countries in order to stimulate business activities. The Parties shall appoint national contact points, responsible for the implementation and follow up of the present MoU.
6. The provisions of this MoU shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties resulting from the other international treaties to which the Parties are contracting parties, as well as Greece's right and obligations arising from its membership to the EU.
7. Cooperative activities carried out in accordance with this MoU shall be subject to availability of appropriate funds and other resources of each Party. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party shall bear the costs of its own participation to the activities carried out under this MoU.
8. Disputes that may arise between the Parties with regard to the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of this MoU shall be resolved through negotiations between the Parties.
9. This MoU shall enter into force upon exchange of written notifications between the Parties informing each other through diplomatic channels of the completion of their relevant internal procedures for its entry into force.

Done at Athens on the 28th of March 2012, which corresponds with the 5th day of Nisan, 5772 of the Hebrew Calendar, in two original copies in the English Language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF
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OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

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