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## Expansion of the funding for the "Marietta Giannakou" school renovation program

Responding with a heightened sense of responsibility to the government's invitation, Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece, and Piraeus Bank contributed a total amount of Euro 100 million in 2024 (Euro 25 million each) to the "Marietta Giannakou" Program for the renovation of 431 public Kindergarten and Elementary, Middle and High School buildings throughout Greece.

It is with great satisfaction that the four systemic banks note that their contribution has been put to effective use, helping to create a better learning environment for all students, both in large urban centers and in the provinces.

With the aim of improving the operating conditions of more school units, the Chair of the Board of the Hellenic Bank Association, Mr. Gikas Hardouvelis, and the CEOs of the four systemic banks, Messrs Vassilios Psaltis, Fokion Karavias, Pavlos Mylonas, and Christos Megalou, in their meeting today with the Prime Minister at with announced their decision to contribute for the current year too an additional amount of Euro 100 million (Euro 25 million each) to further strengthen the "Marietta Giannakou" Program, with the latter's total funding by the banks rising to Euro 200 million to date.

Furthermore, as part of their activities of giving back to society, Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank, and Piraeus Bank intend, based on a relevant evaluation that will take place, to make a corresponding additional contribution for the two-year period 2026-2027, depending on the progress of the "Marietta Giannakou" program, its requirements, and the prevailing financial conditions.

This represents the most significant corporate social responsibility initiative implemented to date in Greece.

The CEO of Alpha Bank, Mr. Vasilios Psaltis, made the following statement: "At Alpha Bank, we believe that progress is built 'Together' with the society. In this spirit, in collaboration with the other three systemic banks, we are significantly increasing our contribution to the 'Marietta Giannakou' Program, so that all children throughout the country can attend safe, modern, and universally accessible schools. As an industry, we stand by the society with consistency, transparency, and accountability, ensuring that every social investment that we make translates into tangible and lasting results. For Alpha Bank, 'Together' is the symbol of a long path of giving back to society over time. Initiatives such as 'Together, for better health', 'Together, for better education,' and 'Culture for All', are expanding our fellow citizens' access to quality healthcare, modern education, and meaningful cultural experiences. We are continuing on this path, driven by responsibility, leveraging synergies, and aiming for measurable results — because equal opportunities are not a slogan, but an obligation."









The CEO of Eurobank, Mr. Fokion Karavias, stressed the following: "The renovation of hundreds of schools throughout Greece with funding from the four systemic banks shows that the banks, beyond their contribution to the economy and to growth, are fulfilling to the utmost their broader social mission. For every need of the country, in every emergency, they take the initiative and respond immediately, assisting the State. Our support of the "Marietta Giannakou" program this year and in the years to come underlines our commitment to meaningful and long-term social action. At the same time, with numerous actions spanning all levels of education and its major initiative on demographics, Eurobank has placed education and the young generation at the heart of the broad social responsibility program which it deploys and will continue to do so over time."

The CEO of National Bank of Greece, Mr. Pavlos Mylonas, pointed out: "At National Bank of Greece, we firmly believe in the power of education and in the decisive role it plays in the development of our country's youth. We were delighted to support the first phase of the 'Marietta Giannakou' Program, by making a significant contribution to infrastructure upgrades in hundreds of public schools, with a major impact on thousands of students throughout Greece. With this initiative, we are creating a better and more functional school environment, providing the impetus for children to develop and for teachers to continue their demanding work. We will continue to support the 'Marietta Giannakou' Program with the same enthusiasm, expanding its impact to thousands of schools."

The CEO of Piraeus Bank, Mr. Christos Megalou, emphasized the following: "The 'Marietta Giannakou' Program is an ambitious project that demonstrates the strength and the effectiveness of public-private partnerships for the benefit of society. The government's awareness of the issues related to the quality of education in our country is enriching our existing initiatives, as caring for the young generation is a responsible choice of strategic significance for Piraeus Bank. Our partnership in such an important project for the educational community of our country makes us proud and serves as the starting point for expanding the social responsibility activities of our multifaceted EQUALL Program, which consistently meets the needs of the Greek society."