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430 renovated schools welcomed thousands of students across Greece

Greece's four systemic banks are actively supporting Education

The 8th Primary School of Nea Filadelfeia was visited today by the CEOs of Alpha Bank, Vassilios Psaltis; Eurobank, Fokion Karavias; National Bank of Greece, Pavlos Mylonas; and Piraeus Bank Christos Megalou. Together with the Chair of the Board of the Hellenic Bank Association (HBA), Gikas Hardouvelis, they accompanied the Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, to the blessing ceremony traditionally marking the start of the new school year.

The 8th Primary School of Nea Filadelfeia is one of the 430 schools which have been upgraded under the Marietta Giannakou program, thanks to a donation of Euro 100 million by the four systemic banks. During their visit, the CEOs and the President of the HBA were given a tour of the school's renovated facilities and had the opportunity to talk with students and teachers.

The four banks underlined their strong commitment to continuing to assist the State in supporting Education, by extending their contribution to the Marietta Giannakou program into the coming years. This represents the largest Corporate Social Responsibility initiative in Greece.

The initial donation of Euro 100 million by the four banks allowed works to be carried out during the summer, enhancing the safety, functionality, accessibility and aesthetics in 430 Kindergartens and Primary, Middle, High, and Special Schools in all regions of the country. These schools had been included in the first phase of the "Marietta Giannakou" flagship program established by the State.

The CEO of Alpha Bank, Vassilios Psaltis, said: "It is a great satisfaction for us to be together with the students, parents and teachers, in one of the 430 schools that have been renovated with the donation made by the four major banks. At Alpha Bank, we believe that progress is built 'Together' with the society, and it is here that this begins, in the classrooms of our children."

The CEO of Eurobank, Fokion Karavias, pointed out: "Eurobank and all its employees are proud to contribute to the renovation of schools across Greece. At the same time, we are also renovating the Zografeion Lyceum in Istanbul, an emblematic school of great historical significance for the Greek diaspora. A better 'tomorrow' is built in better schools."



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The CEO of the National Bank of Greece, Pavlos Mylonas, stressed the following: “This is the largest corporate social responsibility initiative in the country. We are renovating thousands of schools, improving the educational environment for our children. There is nothing better!”

The CEO of Piraeus Bank, Christos Megalou, emphasized: “At Piraeus Bank, we believe in the power of Education. With the ‘Marietta Giannakou’ program, we are actively supporting the future of the young generation. At the same time, we are expanding the Social Responsibility activities that we carry out under our EQUALL program, meeting consistently the needs of the Greek society.”

The Chair of the Board of the Hellenic Bank Association, Gikas Hardouvelis, said: “Children can change the future. They can make it better. We stand firmly by their side.”

The four donor banks –Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Bank– have announced an additional contribution of Euro 100 million for the current year, bringing up to Euro 200 million the program’s total funding by the banks for the 2024-2025 period.

Moreover, they have committed themselves to making similar contributions for 2026 and 2027, taking also account of the prevailing conditions in the economy and of the progress made in the implementation of the “Marietta Giannakou” program.

This initiative forms part of the broader framework of the banks’ ESG activities, and seeks to create a safe, accessible and quality educational environment for all school students. By working in cooperation with the State, the four banks are actively contributing to the efforts towards the attainment of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, strengthening social cohesion and investing in the future of the young generation.

VIDEO LINK | [Alpha Bank, Eurobank, National Bank and Piraeus support Education.](#)