

Annual Report 2018

2018 marked the foundation and the commencement of activity of the think tank, the Green Tank.

The Green Tank was founded as an independent civil non-profit organization in late 2018. We aim at well-documented proposals and the advancement of policy solutions for a sustainable future.

The Green Tank is an environmental think tank, which aims to present well-documented proposals and to advance policy solutions for a sustainable future. The actions of the Green Tank relate to the three pillars of sustainable development: environment – economy – society, with emphasis on:

- biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems;
- climate change mitigation, decarbonization and shift to renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and energy saving;
- climate change adaptation;
- transition towards a sustainable economy;
- social well-being and cohesion and the improvement of people’s quality of life.

While our initial plan for 2018 was to concentrate on organizing our operational and administrative capacity, as well as our corporate identity, important development, particularly relating to energy policy rendered our dynamic engagement in this field of action.

Energy policy

The Green Tank almost immediately intervened on current developments in the fields of energy and climate policy, which are evolving rapidly both at the national and the European levels. Specifically, we:

- participated in the public consultation on the “National Energy and Climate Plan” organized by the Ministry of Environment and Energy.
- cultivated synergies and created partnerships with individuals, organizations and other actors in Greece and abroad.
- presented our positions, via opinion pieces and comments, published in Greek and European printed and electronic media on developments relating to the new European Electricity Market Regulation, the sale of the PPC lignite sales, and the UNFCCC COP24 held in Poland:
 - o Mantzaris, N. [Greece’s energy future on the line](#), Euractiv, 19.11.2018
 - o Mantzaris, N. [Μηχανισμοί Διασφάλισης Ισχύος: Η Ευρώπη λέει όχι στο κάρβουνο](#) (Capacity Mechanisms: Europe says no to coal), energypress.gr, 20.12.2018
 - o Comment by N. Mantzaris in TO VIMA [5 δις ως το 2030 ο λογαριασμός των ρύπων από τον λιγνίτη](#) (Lignite Emissions Bill: 5 billion until 2030), 25.11.2018

- Comment by N. Mantzaris in TO VIMA [Νέο τροχοπέδη από ΕΕ για τον διαγωνισμό των λιγνιτών](#) (New stumbling block from the EU to the lignite sale competition), 21.12.2018
 - Comment by N. Mantzaris in TO VIMA [Μια ακόμα χαμένη ευκαιρία για τον πλανήτη](#) (One more missed opportunity for the planet), 23.12.2018
- We also gave one radio interview:
- Interview of N. Mantzaris to a local radion station in Kozani (Χρόνος Κοζάνης / Kozani Time) on current energy issues, as well as, on the transition to the post-lignite era.

Other policy actions

- Ioli Christopoulou partook in the day conference “Demonstration of good practices to reduce the impacts of wind farms on biodiversity in Greece”, organized by the Center for Renewable Sources and Energy Saving (CRES) and Nature Conservation Consultants Ltd. (NCC) to present the results of the LIFE project Windfarms and Wildlife (LIFE12 BIO/GR/000554). She made a short intervention during the discussion will all the stakeholders present.

Organization and structure

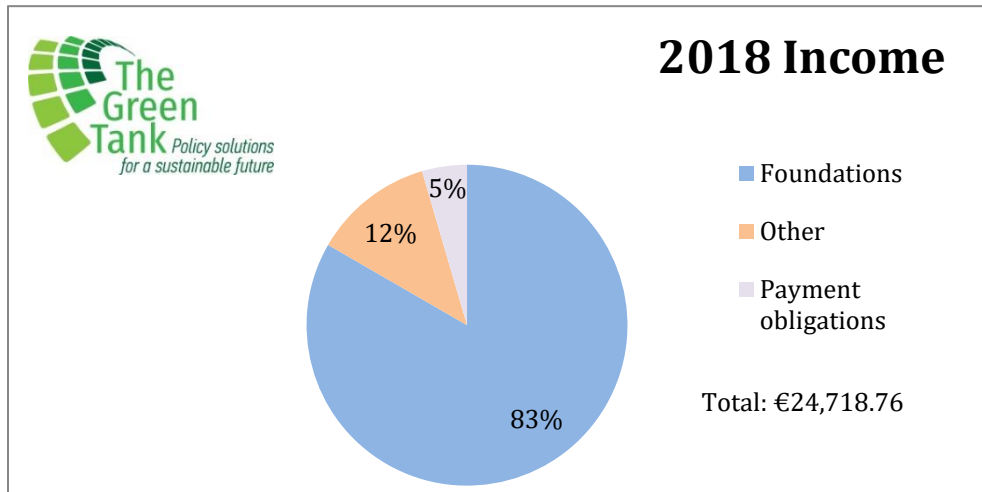
In the area of our administrative organization, we focused on establishing our operational foundations, acquiring an organizational structure and our working methods while also seeking to ensure our first funding resources.

Within the first months of the Green Tank’s operation, we:

- established our corporate identity.
- concluded our organizational structure and distribution of roles.
- established the Green Tank’s advisory committee, which is comprised of:
 - Gregory Dimitriadis,
 - Emmanuella Doussi,
 - Tasos Krommydas,
 - Marita Panteri,
 - Michalis Petrakos
- explored various potential collaborations.
- mapped potential funding sources in Greece.
- submitted one funding proposal and bids for consultation services to two organizations from abroad. Already we have received the first grant and we have been informed about being selected in the first competition. For the second bid we have yet to receive a response.

Financial data 2018

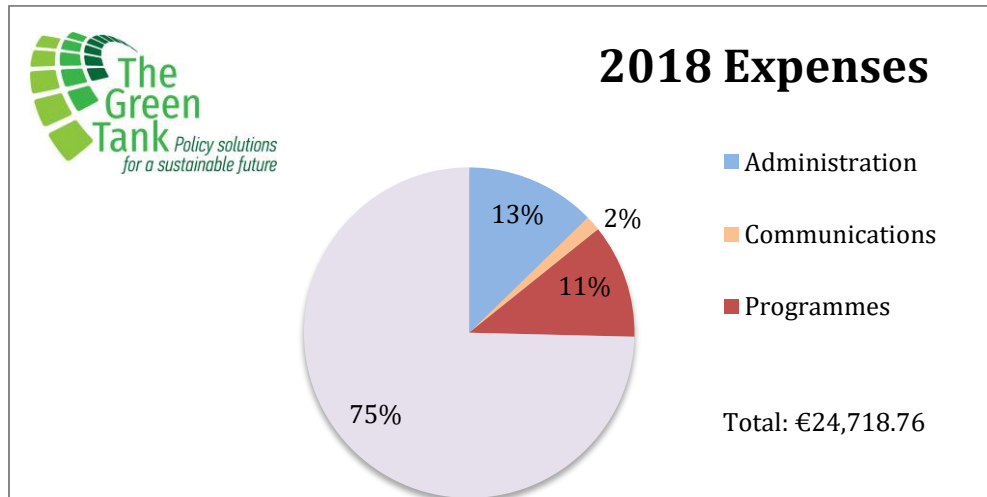
We began our operations with limited resources, focusing on seeking alternative funding. Indeed, already one of our funding proposals was successful providing us a solid basis to commence 2019.



Our income, in more detail:

Foundations	83%	20600.00
Other	12%	3000.00
Payment obligations	5%	1118.76
Income		24718.76

The greatest part of our expenses in 2018 is linked to covering administrative expenses as we focused on setting the ground with respect to our proper management and operation. Our programmes come next, following the first grant that we secured. The large amount available is linked to this same grant as the first installment was deposited at the end of our financial year.





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Green Tank objectives for 2019

- Dynamic role with policy interventions
 - Elaboration of Green Tank Strategy
 - Securing of adequate funding
 - Creation of webpage
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