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Undoubtedly, the year 2020 will be remembered for the unprecedented circumstances and the tragic loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the pandemic upset many original plans and delayed policy developments, it did not derail the attention from the environmental challenges. In fact, it heightened the need for transformative change in order to ensure healthy people on a healthy planet.

The Green Tank, adjusting its work methods in accordance to the new hygiene protocols, remained focused on developing policy solutions for a sustainable future. Throughout 2020, the Green Tank team built on the momentum of the previous year, and dedicated its energy and resources to inform decision-makers, interact with stakeholders and enhance the public dialogue by presenting well-documented positions and recommendations. The Green Tank maintained, renewed and expanded further its collaborations, while seeking the means to grow its team and capacity and improve its operations.

A surprise recognition of the Green Tank's work came from the listing of the Green Tank among the Best New Think Tanks in the 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index prepared by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) at the University of Pennsylvania.

Climate and Energy

Announcements in the last few months of 2019, particularly Greece's historic decision to phase out lignite by 2028 and the presentation of the EU Green Deal signaled a promising start for 2020. However, neither of the two could be taken for granted. Moreover, once the impact of the pandemic became clear, it was feared that it would derail the EU Green Deal momentum. The Green Tank followed closely relevant policy developments and sought to ensure implementation of these important policy shifts.

With respect to the lignite phase-out, we repeatedly highlighted the significance of the decision informing the public dialogue of the reasons that led to its announcement as well as the challenges that lie ahead. At the same time, we monitored its implementation on the ground. As such, we marked two important milestones: 1) May 20, 2020: the first day when no lignite plant operated in Western Macedonia and 2) June 8, 2020: the first day, in decades, when no lignite plant was operational in Greece. With our consistent approach, we contributed to a gradual shift in the public discourse from mere opposition to the phase out, to discussions on the future of Greece's energy portfolio as well as the Just Transition prospect of the country's two lignite regions (see relevant section below).

Regarding the future of Greece's energy portfolio, we contributed to the Climate Action Network's (CAN's) - Europe report which assessed National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) of various countries, by commenting on the final NECP submitted by Greece to the European Commission at the end of 2019. We noted the potential that the lignite-phase out decisions provides, as well as the threats involved. Among the threats identified the threat of a lignite to fossil-gas transition is the most severe.

To counter this scenario, which would lead to a fossil-gas lock-in and potentially stranded infrastructure, we emphasized the need to solidify the shift towards renewable energy and fortify it with energy storage. In this context, we concluded and published a detailed review on energy storage titled: "[Energy Storage Technologies: Challenges and Outlook](#)". The report includes a detailed description of both well-established and emerging technologies, including a presentation of the state-of-the-art regarding the conversion of lignite plants to thermal energy storage facilities. This is of particular interest, as lignite plants are to cease operation soon and the future of the Ptolemaida 5 – Greece's last lignite plant under construction – remains undefined.

In regard to Ptolemaida 5, together with our partners ClientEarth, an organization of environment lawyers, we filed an appeal against its environmental permit. We had previously requested (December 2019) from the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy to amend the environmental permit of the new plant ensuring that it will comply with the new, stricter EU environmental legislation (Industrial Emissions Directive) and, in particular, the new Best Available Techniques (BAT), which came into force in August 2017. Since the Ministry did not reply to the request for an administrative review, we had no other legal means to urge for the implementation of the EU environmental registration but to file an appeal to the Council of State. The case is pending.

Furthermore, we are collaborating with ClientEarth and enervis, a company of energy consultants, to comparatively evaluate alternative technologies that could be applied in Ptolemaida 5, rather than being used as a lignite power plant. The results of the analysis are to be presented in 2021.

Despite the fact that the much-awaited 26th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), originally scheduled for November 2020, was postponed due to the pandemic, climate policy developments were dense. In fact, views of clear skies and evidence of reduced air pollution as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions, intensified calls for a healthier and greener future.

At the level of EU policy, the announcement, elaboration and negotiations on the EU's first climate law is a case to point. While the EU Climate Law, showed commitment to the EU's Green Deal objective of becoming the first climate neutral continent, it also exposed the difficulties and hurdles that need to be overcome in setting targets and operationalizing the objective. The Green Tank team followed closely the developments regarding the EU Climate law, participating in the public consultation on the 2030 targets, and will continue doing so until its final approval, focusing on issues that still remain open.

The EU Climate Law became also the focus of work of Greece's newly formed National Scientific Climate Change Committee, to which the Green Tank was appointed as its only NGO member. The Committee composed an opinion on the draft EU Climate Law, which was presented to the Minister of Environment and Energy in June 2020, in order to contribute to the country's stance towards the law. With the EU Climate Law drafting ongoing, we presented arguments in favor of preparing a National Climate Law, a prospect that now seems likely to materialize in 2021.

Biodiversity and Natural resources

The year 2020 started off with great expectations for nature conservation, as the global community was to agree on a new post-2020 biodiversity policy framework. The pandemic upset the original plans and the meeting of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, scheduled for October 2020, was postponed. Nonetheless, the pandemic also illustrated, in a most tragic way, the delicate inter-linkage between human health and the state of nature. In this context, the Green Tank strengthened its engagement in the Biodiversity and Natural resources thematic area.

We monitored closely international and European developments, especially related to the announcement of the EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy, underlining its significance as it confirmed commitment to the EU Green Deal priorities and emphasizing the need for both nature protection and restoration.

We also advocated in favor of an enhanced national nature conservation policy and participated in several consultations, including on a series of draft species actions plans. On several occasions we collaborated with other actors and NGOs, contributing to the expansion of alliances and engagement in joint actions of numerous environmental NGOs, such as the case of a complaint against the incident of motor vehicle access on the beaches of Elafonisos island.

Among the most significant developments was that the Green Tank was supported by 13 NGOs to act as one of the two NGO representatives in the new three-year term of the Nature 2000 Committee, which is the central advisory body of the state on biodiversity conservation issues.

In addition, we completed the “Priority to Nature” project, which had been approved in late 2019. The project assessed the implementation of the Greek National Biodiversity Strategy, since its approval in 2014 until 2020 and its first Biodiversity Action Plan. The analysis, conclusions and recommendations, taking into account international and European developments, were presented in the report entitled “[Priority to Nature: An assessment of the implementation of the Greek National Strategy for Biodiversity](#)”, which was widely disseminated. The “Priority to Nature”, project was implemented in the framework of the Active citizens fund in Greece as part of the EEA Grants 2014 – 2021.

With a reform of the national system of protected areas underway since late 2019, we used several opportunities to advance our positions and inform the public discourse on the issue at hand. Once the draft was presented, we submitted detailed comments and recommendations during the public consultation and again once the examination of the bill began Parliament. Our comments contributed to improvements in the final text that was adopted, although several issues remain to be resolved and must be addressed in the upcoming period. A couple of months after the adoption of the new legal framework, we were appointed members of a working group tasked with preparing an action plan for the newly founded Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA), which will eventually take on the responsibility of the management of Greece’s protected areas.

Furthermore, building on a relationship that emerged in 2019, we collaborated with the FIDELIO project (ERC 802605), implemented by the University of Cambridge, in order to explore the social impact of biodiversity conservation in Greece. Together with the FIDELIO team and the Management Body of Nestos Delta – Vistonida – Ismarida and Thasos, we co-organized a pilot application of a new methodology being developed by a group of researchers and practitioners, led by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), aimed to assess the governance and equity in protected areas. The conclusions of this assessment as well as feedback on the methodology itself will be integrated with that of a small number of other pilot applications across the world, before the Site-level Assessment of Governance and Equity (SAGE) tool is finalized and officially launched.

We also forged a new partnership with the Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos (MedINA) in order to enhance the policy dimension of work relating to the conservation of the Aios River and to promote sustainable development practices and biodiversity conservation on the island of Lemnos.

Moreover, we continued participating in the meetings of the INVALIDIS project (INTERREG Europe) contributing to a growing network of experts and fruitful exchange of research results and practical experiences relating to alien invasive species in Greece. The project is ongoing and we will continue to follow its implementation.

Sustainable Development

All scientific studies concur that this decade is critical for the transition towards sustainable development. The extent to which the transition will take place, is dependent on decisions taken today and actions implemented through 2030. Decisions must lead to transformative change in policy and in practice. Among the most influential decisions that will determine the success of the transition are those that relate to the direction and priorities of financing. Given that this critical decade coincides with the implementation of the 2021-2027 EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), i.e. the new EU budget, planning on how to use available funds from various sources across Greece's regions can, indeed, act as a catalyst of the change needed.

The Green Tank monitored closely the negotiation on the MFF as a whole, which continued until the final months of 2020 as well as those relating to the EU Recovery Mechanism. In fact, the announcement of the EU Green Deal in December 2019 and the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan – the European Green Deal Investment Plan, a month later signaled an important shift of priorities in the right direction. Importantly, the Green Deal Investment Plan also included a proposal for the establishment of a Just Transition Fund, to which a big part of our energy and resources were channeled, as presented in the next section.

As discussions on the path to post-COVID-19 recovery increased, we focused our messages on the need to ensure a green recovery in line with the EU Green Deal and a commitment to a transition to a sustainable future. A few months later, in May 2020, the European Commission announced a new EU Recovery Plan that would act not only as an economic stimulus package, but also as a tool to support the EU's green transition, together with the amended EU budget.

Aiming to inform the planning of the 2021-2027 programming period in Greece, we focused on the implementation of a new project co-financed by three foundations: the Cyclades Preservation Fund, the Ionian Environment Foundation and the Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation. During the National Conference on Growth for the Partnership Agreement 2021- 2027, which re-launched Greece's planning process, we emphasized the need to re-examine the funding priorities. The need is further enhanced due to the funding priorities set by the EU funds themselves. In order to identify financing opportunities towards actions that could support the green transition of selected sectors – energy, tourism, farming and fisheries, which have a significant ecological impact, reviewed the relevant draft regulations of the distinct financing instruments. The analysis is planned to be presented in 2021.

Although the new programming period constitutes an opportunity for a different development approach, following the initial interruption due to the pandemic and the socioeconomic crisis that ensued, the planning remained largely opaque for most of the year, which we publicly noted. Only at the end of 2020, was a public consultation on the strategic directions of Greece's recovery plan organized, to which we submitted comments and recommendations. We also partook in the initial planning of the new EU co-financed regional programmes, a process expected to be finalized within 2021, to which we aim to contribute

Just Transition

Europe is moving fast and irreversibly towards a carbon neutral economy. The evolution of the energy mix in Greece and Europe shows that the era of lignite and coal is over. A main challenge, now, is for this irreversible energy transition towards climate neutrality to take place in a just way for those communities, which for decades have been sacrificing their well-being and overall quality of life in order to propel the European economy.

The year 2020 proved to be a pivotal year for Just Transition, as the EU proposed the establishment of a Just Transition Fund and Greece started preparing a National Just Transition Development Plan. We partook actively in these developments, making Just Transition one of our most important areas of work, through research, analysis, advocacy at the national and EU levels, and varied actions in collaboration with other NGOs and other actors across the EU. With our report titled "[Just Transition: History, Developments and Challenges in Greece and Europe](#)", presented in July 2020, we aimed to provide a solid overview, share lessons learned and present recommendations surrounding Just Transition.

With respect to the EU Just Transition Fund Regulation, we followed closely all steps of the negotiations and focused our advocacy efforts, first, on seeking a more just allocation among EU member states of the available funding and, second, on setting safeguards so that the funds would be directed towards clean energy and energy storage technologies ensuring both a just and a green transition for the EU's lignite regions. Our analysis was presented in a report titled "[Towards a more just allocation of the Just Transition Fund: An analysis of the allocation criteria of the funds among Member States](#)". While the allocation criteria did not change, we highlighted that all Greek MEPs from the three main political parties supported amendments that would have made the allocation more just, in a rare cross-party, national, consensus, which is much needed on Just Transition issues.

In addition to following closely the EU Just Transition Fund negotiations, we continued participating in the Coal Regions in Transition Platform and the first meetings of the new EU Just Transition platform, collaborating with European NGOs in formulating specific asks and recommendations for the new platform. We also participated, in the 3rd (virtual) Forum of Mayors, which was co-organized by the Mayor of Bytom, Poland, and four WWF offices (Poland, Germany, Bulgaria and Greece). Our collaboration with WWF Germany in support of the implementation of the "Just Transition in South Eastern Europe" EUKI project, had been concluded earlier in 2020.

Furthermore, we participated in the inaugural meeting of the Initiative in support of the Coal Regions in Transition for the Western Balkans and Ukraine. Again, we contributed in the formulation of the NGO recommendations, building on our experience on Just Transition issues.

At the national and regional levels we participated in public consultations and informed the public debate on the design of the Just Transition Plan for Greece's two lignite regions, Western Macedonia and Megalopoli. Such plans constitute a prerequisite in order to access the resources available from the EU Just Transition Fund. Moreover, the Green Tank was selected as the only

NGO representative to participate in the Regional Team of Just Transition in Western Macedonia.

We visited both regions before the pandemic erupted and maintained contact with local authorities and stakeholders throughout the year. With our positions and actions we aimed to ensure that adequate resources would be secured and that the most sustainable options for the future of the lignite regions would be given priority, advocating in favour of clean energy and energy storage investments.

Additionally, we emphasized the potential that energy communities in the Just Transition of Greece's lignite regions. In particular, we highlighted the potential of renewable energy communities that are deployed by the local communities and the local government and noted the need for measures and funds to support their development.

We also stressed the necessity for increased participation of the local communities and civil society in the development and implementation of Just Transition plans. In this context, in collaboration with Associate Professor of the University of Athens and member of the Green Tank's Advisory Committee Emmanuela Doussis, the research institute "DiaNEOsis" and the polling company MARC, we conducted the first public poll in Greece's lignite regions regarding the transition to the post-lignite era. The results of our analysis were broadly disseminated and discussed at the regional and national levels.

Work under this thematic area is ongoing as the Just Transition planning is expected to continue well into 2021. The Green Tank will persist on its advocacy efforts, while also informing the public debate. Early in 2021, as part of a new collaboration with the Greek office of the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, an online event on Just Transition in Western Macedonia had been scheduled.

Engagement

Throughout 2020 we built on the momentum of the previous year aiming to foster interaction and collaboration with key actors and organizations sharing our analysis and proposals. We participated in the regular meetings that the Minister of Environment and Energy held with environmental NGOs, as well as in meetings with Greece's opposition parties. We informed Members of the Parliament, Members of the European Parliament and other decision-makers about important development presenting our well-documented views and recommendations. We also contributed with comments in EU, national and regional consultations and participated in dialogues and official platforms. We held meetings and engaged with local authorities, various stakeholders.

As the world switched to virtual gatherings due to the pandemic, we were invited repeatedly as speakers and panelists to various events and conferences. This offered us the opportunity to share our positions and recommendations across varied audiences in Greece and abroad, partaking in and strengthening the public discourse.

Furthermore, the Green Tank bilingual website was consistently updated and enriched, serving as the main information hub on our activities. We also increased our presence in social media regularly updating our accounts with news and updates and adding Facebook to Twitter and LinkedIn, which had been active already since last year.

In addition, we have maintained a steady presence in the media, with press releases, opinion pieces, commentary, and interviews in printed and electronic press, as well as on radio and TV stations in Greece and abroad.

Collaborations – Alliances

Throughout 2020, we deepened already established partnerships, while extending our network of partners.

We collaborated and implemented joint actions with environmental non-governmental organizations and other actors in Greece and abroad.

Furthermore, we have joined new alliances, such as the Think Sustainable Europe network of European environmental think-tanks, while in 2021 we expect to be officially accepted as a member of the CAN (Climate Action Network) Europe.

The following list includes our most important collaborations in 2020:

- ARCHELON
- Arcturos
- ARION
- Callisto
- CAN (Climate Action Network) Europe
- Carbon Market Watch
- CEE Bankwatch
- ClientEarth
- DiaNEOsis
- EBC - Europe Beyond Coal
- Ecocity
- Ecological Recycling Society
- EEB
- IIED – International Institute for the Environment and Development
- iSea
- Management Body of Nestos Delta – Vistonida – Ismarida and Thasos
- MARC
- MEDASSET
- MedINA
- MOm
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- National Center for the Environment and Sustainable Development (NCESD)
- Natural Environment and Climate Change (NECCA)
- Organization Earth
- Pindos Perivallontiki
- University of Cambridge, Department of Land Economy
- WWF
- ZERO

Alliances

- Balkan Coal Network
- CAN (Climate Action Network) Europe
- EBC – Europe Beyond Coal
- Think Sustainable Europe

Organization and Administration

The Green Tank was unavoidably influenced by the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our original plans, especially relating to organizing face-to-face meeting and events and travelling, were impaired. Placing priority to the health of our team, which had just grown with the addition of a new policy officer, we overcame the challenge. Exhibiting caution, quick reflexes and flexibility, we switched to tele-working and found new ways to collaborate as a team. Most importantly, we ensured that our core objective of developing policy solutions for a sustainable future would remain intact.

At the same time, we are continuously seeking to improve our operations, which have become more systematic and were able to respond to a growing load of proposal writing and reporting requirements. Among the most important development was that our accounts for the financial years 2018 and 2019 were audited by a chartered accountant.

We also committed to retaining and in fact, hoped to grow further our team. Indeed, at the end of 2020 we announced two new positions – for an energy policy analyst and a policy researcher – which were filled in early 2021.

In parallel, the members of the Green Tank Advisory Committee have continued individually and collectively to support us, whenever needed.

Financial information 2020

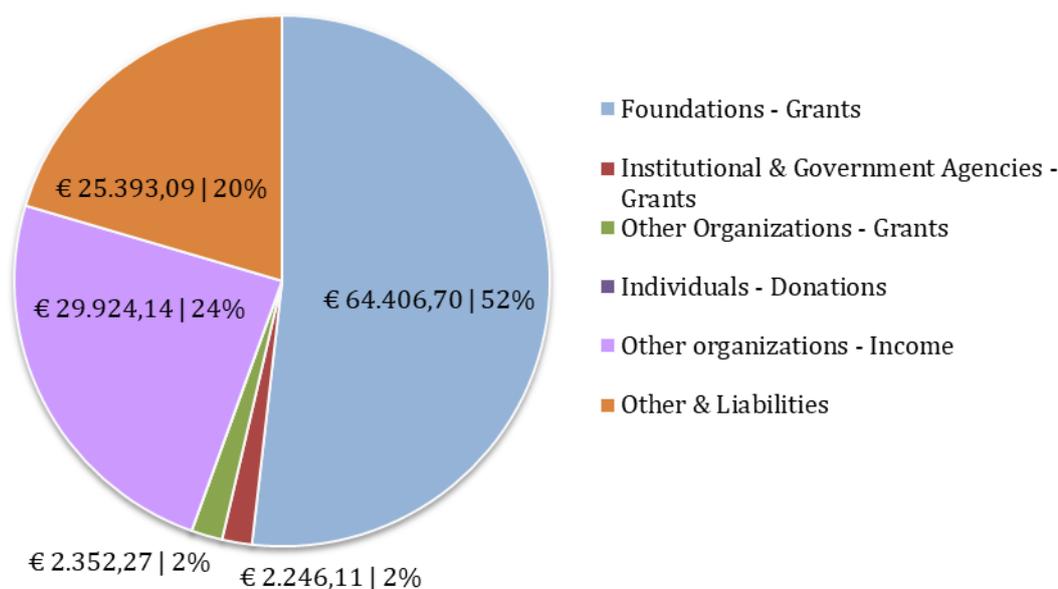
2020 started with a solid financial foundation, as a result of efforts completed the year before. Our main priority was to successfully and effectively implement proposals and partnerships for which grants had been approved and funding was secured.

At the same time, we explored new opportunities to submit competitive proposals, some of which in collaboration with other partners, as well to create new partnerships. Indicatively, we submitted new grant proposals in collaboration with iSea to the Active citizens fund in Greece, which is part of the EEA Grants 2014 - 2021 and with a consortium led by Carbon Market Watch for a Life Climate Governance and Information project, whose implementation will not commence until later in 2021.

In detail, the sources of Green Tank's income:

Foundations - Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Climate Foundation ▪ Ionian Environmental Foundation ▪ Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation 	64.406,70 €	35,0%
Other organizations - Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Action Network - Europe Beyond Coal Campaign 	2.352,27 €	1,3%
Institutional & Government Agencies - Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active Citizens Fund Greece - EEA Grants 	2.246,11 €	1,2%
Private individuals - Donations	0,00 €	0,0%
Other organizations - Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ClientEarth ▪ MedINA ▪ WWF Germany ▪ DiaNEOsis ▪ Heinrich Boell Foundation - Greece ▪ University of Cambridge ▪ International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (DIKEMES) ▪ MEDASSET 	29.924,14 €	16,2%
Other (Partners Fees, COVID19 support measures, interest etc)	8.403,47 €	4,6%
Liabilities & Advance Payments 2019	16.989,62 €	9,2%
Amounts available (1/1/2020)	59.931,96 €	32,5%
TOTAL	184.254,27 €	100,0%

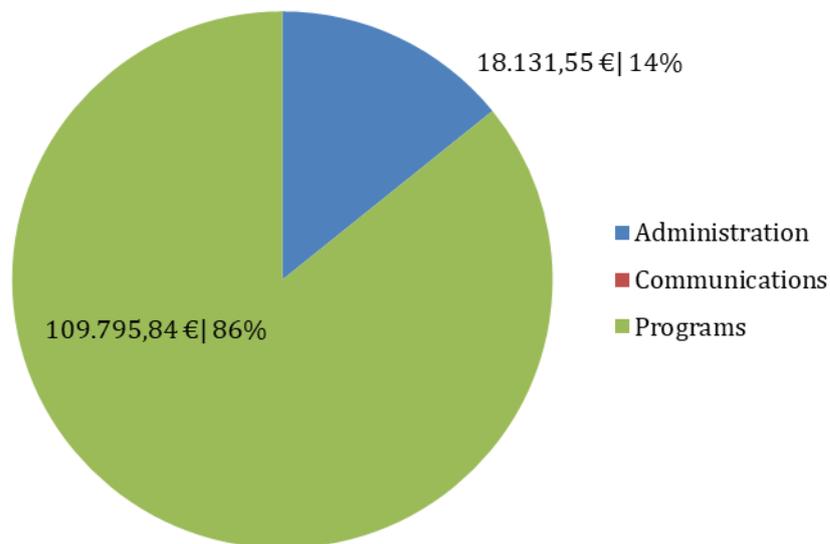
The sources of The Green Tank's (new) income, i.e. secured during 2020 totaling 124.322,31 €, i.e. excluding amounts available on 1/1/2020, can be seen also in the following graph:



In terms of expenses, most were directed to implementing the Green Tank's programs, i.e. its projects and actions, as presented in the following table:

Administration	18.131,55 €	9,8%
Communications	0,00 €	0,0%
Programs	109.795,84 €	59,6%
Amounts available (31/12/2019)	56.326,88 €	30,6%
TOTAL	184.254,27 €	100%

The allocation of our expenses during 2020, i.e. excluding amounts available on 31/12/2020, is shown as follows:



Green Tank objectives for 2021

Looking at 2021, we set the following goals:

- To remain healthy, agile and proud of the work we are accomplishing.
- To continue our dynamic role with policy interventions and recommendations across all thematic areas.
- To deepen existing collaborations and explore new ones.
- To ensure a smooth transition into working as a larger team, initially remotely and eventually adjusting our office space and work methods to best accommodate our needs.
- To ensure sufficient resources to implement the Green Tank's vision.

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