



# THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH TODAY

- Drawing on EKKE's **extensive tradition**, IKE studies **crucial aspects** of Greek society.
- The Institute's main fields of research are: a. Inequalities, discrimination and social policy, b. urban and rural space and societies and c. research methodologies and social data management.
- NE's research projects cover a wide range of subjects comprising poverty and social exclusion, employment, contemporary demographic phenomena, education, gender, immigration, housing and urban segregation, the transformations of rural society and space, cultural consumption, social stratification, the internet, innovative methodologies and tools for data management.
- IKE participates in university and research centre networks at the national and international level, attracting young as well as experienced researchers.

# THE INSTITUTE'S VISION

Inspired by the principles of collaboration and teamwork we aim to function as a **critical hub for social research in Greece**, through

- Producing top quality research work, specialized in critical sectors of contemporary Greek society, in constant dialogue with the international scientific community
- Promoting social research in Greece, offering valuable services to the scientific community and employment opportunities to young researchers



## **BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS**

IKE's key role in social research in Greece rests upon its character and resources

#### > Research tradition and excellence in the subjects addressed

- IKE has established systematic research activity in the issues of inequalities, income, urban and rural space, spatial research, gender and methodologies
- IKE's research personnel has expertise in designing and implementing research projects at the national and international level

#### Networks of cooperation in Greece and abroad

• IKE maintains long-term collaboration with institutions (research centers, university departments, national organisms such as the Hellenic Statistical Authority), participates together with EKKES's IPR in large international comparative research programs (World Value Survey, European Social Survey, Gender based Violence, World Internet Project) and collaborates with young researchers (postgraduates, doctoral candidates, post doctoral researchers) in its financed research projects

#### Research Infrastructures

• IKE and IPR maintain and manage important research infrastructures that offer important services to the Greek scientific community (EKKE depository, national research infrastructure SoDaNet, Clarin \_el, PANORAMA) and are connected to their counterparts elsewhere in Europe such as CESSDA ERIC (Consortium of European Social Data Archives), ESS ERIC et al. IKE has three Observatories for Combating Discrimination, Social Economy and Thermalism) that support the Institute's research in specific areas.



### **OUR STRATEGIC GOALS**

In the years to come, IKE aims to:

Sustain and further develop the quality of its research activity in crucial areas of current social reality

Maintain and reinforce its position at the European and international level

Extend the range of **services** it offers to the national scientific community and larger society National Centre for Social Research **Institute of Social Research** 



# MEANS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS (1/2)

- Carrying out research by making use of funding opportunities at the European, international and national level, through competitive and high-quality research proposals and its integration in important consortia
- Supporting non-funded research that emphasizes the "bottom-up" research agenda as well as preparing larger competitive research projects
- Developing synergies through participating in funded research projects and networks of research infrastructures, teaching in post graduate programs, participating in PhD committees, attracting postdoctoral researchers



# MEANS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS (2/2)

- Reinforcing research personnel by hirings and hosting university academics and postdoctoral researchers
- Developing infrastructures, innovative methodologies and tools in cooperation with the IPR, producing research data that uphold the principles of Fair Data and Open Science, making IKE an important laboratory for the social sciences
- Reinforcing the social and political impact of IKE's research through strategies of diffusion and publicizing, collaborating with public organisms (presence in the mass media and social media, special publications, organizing events, open access publications, participating in advisory bodies, concluding framework agreements)



#### WHO DO WE AIM TO BE

- A carrier for the production of **high-quality social research**
- A voice of "rationality" in public discussion, articulating substantiated scientific positions on critical matters, particularly on social discriminations and transformations
- A source of expertise, data, and methods serving the scientific community
- A professional space that welcomes **young researchers** aiming to develop their skills and potentials.



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