

IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE POTENTIAL OF REGIONS

PIERIA



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- CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



RESEARCH BY THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CHILD PSYCHIATRY HAS SHOWN THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD A VERY BAD IMPACT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE YOUNGEST – IT HAS RISEN FROM 50% IN 2020 TO 80% IN 2021, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE RECORDED IN SUICIDAL EPISODES, ANXIETY/EATING DISORDERS AND DEPRESSIVE STATES. ANXIETY/EATING DISORDERS AND DEPRESSIVE STATES. THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC WERE: EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS OR HYPERACTIVITY. THE ABOVE RESULTS COME FROM A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE NKUA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PSYCHIATRY DURING THE SECOND WAVE OF THE PANDEMIC IN 282 CHILDREN AND 490 ADOLESCENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



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THE PANDEMIC'S ECZES ARE: THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, THE RESTRICTION OF CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT, THE INCREASED RISK THAT CHILDREN WILL EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC ABUSE OR ONLINE BULLYING OR NEGLECT, AND THE RESTRICTION OF CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC.



MR. POTTAKIS STRESSED THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON CHILDREN "WERE CLEARLY MULTIFACETED AND MULTI-LEVEL BOTH ON THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, ON THEIR EMOTIONAL NEEDS, ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS WITH INCREASED LEVELS OF ABANDONMENT AND EXCLUSION FROM THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, ON SOCIALIZATION, AS WELL AS ON FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

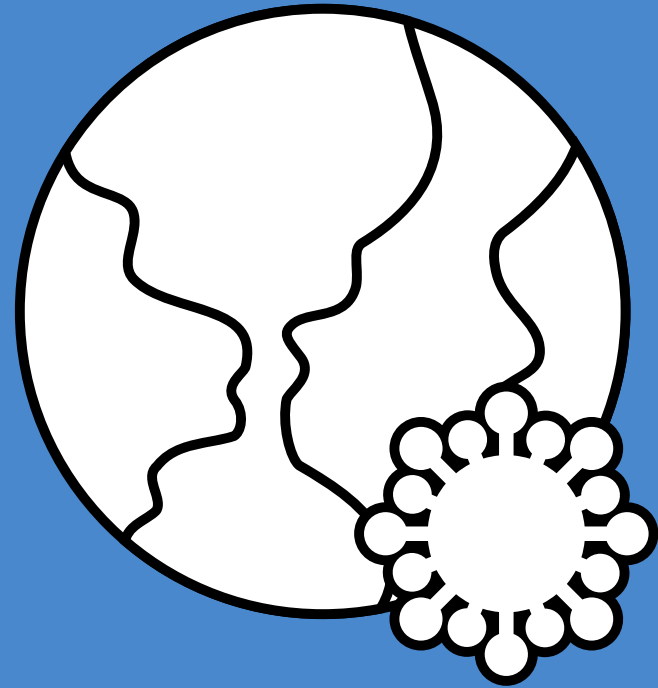


IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON EDUCATION

THE ARRIVAL OF THE PANDEMIC FORCED US TO SWITCH TO HYBRID OR REMOTE LEARNING IN SCHOOLS. SUCH A TRANSITION WAS VERY PROBLEMATIC - THE TECHNOLOGICAL MATERIAL WAS NOT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, AND THE USE OF NEW MEASURES REQUIRED SOME KNOWLEDGE FROM BOTH TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS. IN ADDITION, CHILDREN LOST THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE, THEIR PARENTS HAD TO STAY AT HOME, AND LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS COULD NOT FIND THEMSELVES IN A NEW SITUATION THAT REQUIRED THEM TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND INTERNET CONNECTION.



THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE ECONOMY



THE PANDEMIC HAS LEFT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF SMES HEAVILY INDEBTED. SMALL BUSINESSES, IN PARTICULAR, HAD A HARD TIME DURING THE PANDEMIC, THEY HAD TO FACE NUMEROUS ECONOMIC OR HEALTH PROBLEMS. IN THIS REGARD, THE IME GSEVEE REPORT OF 2021 TRIED TO HIGHLIGHT THE MOST IMPORTANT TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE ECONOMY, AS WELL AS THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES CAUSED BY THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE GREEK ECONOMY.



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CONSUMER SPENDING FELL BY 6.37% AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN 2020 IN GREECE WAS 16.3% - GREECE IS TODAY THE COUNTRY WITH THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EU. THE BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES AFTER A SHORT EQUILIBRIUM COURSE HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO THE LOSS OF NATIONAL INCOME FROM TOURISM. AFTER THE DEFLATION RECORDED IN 2020 THERE HAS BEEN STRONG INFLATION CREATED M.IN BY DISRUPTIONS IN SUPPLY CHAINS DURING THE PANDEMIC OR RISING ENERGY PRICES. THE FORCED CLOSURE OF COMPANIES HAS CREATED A NEW DIVISION IN GREEK BUSINESSES: THE REQUIREMENT OF CONTACT WITH PEOPLE AND THE LACK THEREOF.



OVERVIEW OF THE INITIAL SITUATION

AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE FIRST CASES IN GREECE, MASS EVENTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WERE GRADUALLY SUSPENDED. HOWEVER, IN MARCH, DUE TO THE APPEARANCE OF CASES OF THE VIRUS IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF GREECE. IT WAS DECIDED TO CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS, SHOPS AND PLACES OF WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT THEN RECOMMENDED A FOURTEEN-DAY HOUSE ARREST IF ANYONE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE VIRUS. RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CITIZENS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPOSED. SINCE MAY, THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO LIFT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND BUSINESSES HAVE REOPENED. IN JUNE AND JULY, SCHOOLS AND TRAVEL COMPANIES OPENED. IN AUGUST, CASES INCREASED AGAIN.

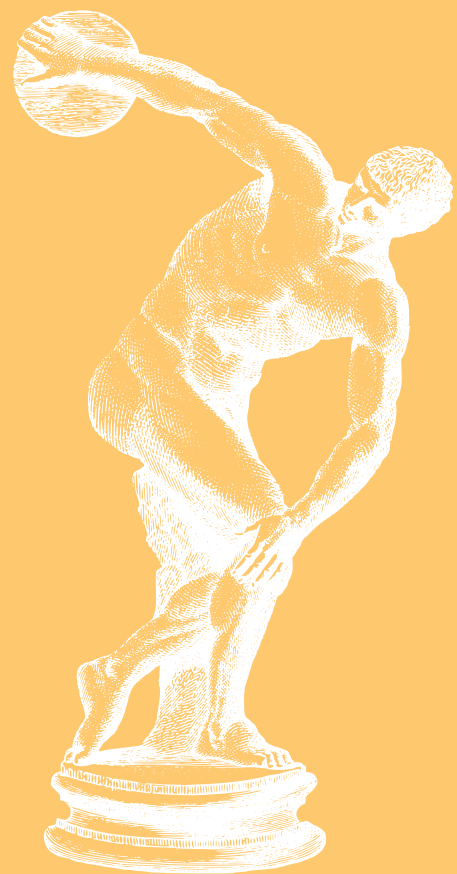


CULTURAL IMPACT



PANDEMIA INFLECTED A CRITICAL BLOW TO ARTISTIC CREATIVITY AND ACTIVITY. THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CULTURAL SECTOR WAS EMPHASIZED,

- ONLY 50% OF CLUBS WERE RE -OPENED AFTER THE RESTRICTIONS WERE LIFTED
- THE CLUBS DID NOT RUN ANY ONLINE EVENTS
- NO COMPANY RECEIVED A SUBSIDY FROM THE STATE.
- ALSO ACCORDING TO SURVEYS REGARDING THE FUTURE, AMONG OTHERS CLUBS, 50% OF RESPONDENTS BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE A REDUCTION IN PUBS, 40% BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL ACT AS BEFORE
- 90% DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RE -OPENING AFTER THE PANDEMIC.



PANDEMIC STATISTICS IN GREECE

- TOTAL: 4,975,067 CASES
- TOTAL: 94,835,870 SAMPLES
- INTUBATION: 66
- TOTAL: 33,200 DEATHS
- PATIENT ADMISSIONS: 329



SUMMARY AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

THE SARS-CoV-2 CORONAVIRUS, WHICH CAUSES THIS DANGEROUS DISEASE, FIRST APPEARED IN THE CITY OF WUHAN IN THE CHINESE PROVINCE OF HUBEI, WHICH CAUSES THIS DANGEROUS DISEASE. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THERE IS HARDLY A SINGLE COUNTRY FREE OF IT IN THE WORLD, AND THE INFECTION HAS OCCURRED ON ALL CONTINENTS INCLUDING ANTARCTICA.

THE PANDEMIC HAS ALSO LED TO THE BIGGEST ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE WORLD IN MORE THAN 90 YEARS AND TO THE OUTBREAK OF SOCIAL UNREST IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, THE NUMBER OF ECONOMIC REFUGEES OR PEOPLE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE IS ALSO INCREASING. MANY CHILDREN HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL, BECAUSE THE LUXURY OF REMOTE EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE MAINLY TO RESIDENTS OF THE RICH AND ECONOMICALLY STABLE WEST.

