

ESET, National Council of R&T

- 11 volunteers, prominent members of the international scientific community
- 3 year tenure 2010-2013
- Purpose: To advise Minister of Education on R&T issues

ESET, Achievements

1. Established annual procedure for research grant applications for all sciences “ARISTEIA”, (120 Million Euros for 2012)
2. Contributed in the exception of Research Personnel from “Efedreia” or Mandatory retirement (30% of personnel)
3. Initiated discussions for the unification of R&D of the entire Greek government

ESET, Challenges

- Establish a realistic 10-year strategic plan for Greek R&D
- Unification of R&D of the entire government

How Can We Help Greece?

- Greece is in an economic war of long duration and unknown consequences
- Greece will need to make many difficult and hard choices
- Greek Diaspora has always responded generously to the needs of the motherland
- Many ways to help

What Is The Problem?

- The problem is political
- In this international economic crisis, Greece does not have the structures to compete
- Institutions are weak and getting weaker
- Public administration is weak-by design!
- Civic Society is loosing its checks and balances
- The well educated population will look for opportunities everywhere else (immigration)

Taxes and Obedience to the Law is for stupid people

- Athens suburbs declared 324 swimming pools (2009)
- **Found by Google Earth: 16,974 (2% declared)**
- cases of tax evasion among doctors, May09: 24 (0.5% of total)
- **Next year, May 2010: 4,357**
- Smoking is banned in all public areas
- **Everybody smokes everywhere**

The Present Political Establishment of Greece Is Dead

- What can we do for a new beginning?
- Respect for the law and social justice
- Establish and support strong institutions based on correct principles and meritocracy
- Put the Greek ingenuity and talent back to work
- Give work and future hope to the young people

- ESET: Support and protect the good elements of the Greek R&D infrastructure
- Research and innovation is a fragile and sensitive flower that takes long to flourish and thrive but it is easily destroyed

Response: *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (25% of French Research Expenditure)*

Paris, novembre 4, 2011

Dear Professor KRIMIZIS,

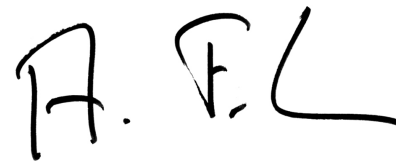
I am writing to you as the head of CNRS, in support of the french scientific community to our Greek colleagues in these times of severe economical difficulties.

It is common wisdom today in scientific developed, as well as in the strongly emergent countries, that Science and Technology will greatly help us to develop a knowledge-based global economy, in order to find the path towards a sustainable economic growth. In this respect, we are faced, in many countries, with the necessity of reshaping and reorganizing our research and higher education system. This is the case in France, where the government has launched an ambitious-10 years long-excellence initiative plan in order to set out a few elite, research-oriented multidisciplinary universities.

As we all know, Greece is full of talented scientists and excellent research centers, and your higher education system certainly deserves the kind of middle-to-long term restructuring effort that many other countries have launched these last few years. But restructuring is by no means equivalent to a destruction today, followed by a reconstruction some time in an undecided future when economy will do better.

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- Το διδυμο της νοτιας αποτυχιας **Παπανδρεου-Μπερλουσκονι** ονομαστηκε **Παπα-σκονι**
- Το διδυμο των σωτηρων της Ελλαδας **Παπανδρεου-Σαμαρας** ισως ονομαστει **Παπα-ρας**