

CITIZENS' DECLARATION (10-07-2025)

Greece urgently needs a restart with vision and a plan

We, the undersigned, active citizens—Greek men and women—observe the following:

1. In a period of unprecedented geopolitical upheaval, warfare, and shifting borders, Greece is facing overt and direct challenges to its territorial integrity as well as to its sovereign rights in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean. The stability of the region and Greece's role as a stabilizing force are at stake. The policy of so-called "Greek-Turkish friendship" has proven disastrous for our country and beneficial only to Turkey, as the endless and fruitless dialogue legitimizes Turkey's illegal claims.

The Greek state renounces its legal rights whenever Turkey threatens retaliation. The massive and uncontrolled influx of migrants from other continents, which recently resembles an organized hybrid invasion with differing cultural characteristics, threatens national and social cohesion. The purchase of infrastructure, land, and property by foreigners in sensitive border areas is leading to a dangerous loss of control over the country. The foreign policy conducted in recent years has led Greece into a geopolitical impasse and to the degradation of our national dignity.

2. Internally, Greece is experiencing an unprecedented collapse:

- **Demographically**, it is literally falling apart, while young people are emigrating *en masse* abroad.
- **The countryside is emptying**, agriculture, handicrafts, and industry are in decline.
- **Public education and healthcare** have been seriously degraded.
- **Lawlessness, crime, and violence** have reached unprecedented levels.
- **Ecological disasters** across vast areas—in Evia, Thrace, Thessaly, Attica, Chios, and elsewhere—have caused damage of historic proportions.
- The rushed "**green transition**" has sent energy costs soaring during a time of falling international oil prices, harming households and businesses.
- The wave of **inflation and high prices** is devaluing incomes (same per capita income as in 2009, but with 40% lower purchasing power due to inflation), particularly for salaried workers and pensioners.

- **Small and medium-sized enterprises**, the backbone of the economy and the ones that kept the country afloat during the crisis years, are being driven to collapse due to punitive taxation and exhausting regulations.
- The **sale of critical national and social infrastructure** (energy, airports, ports, railroads, telecommunications, etc.) has not created the necessary conditions for economic growth but has instead resulted in a loss of national control. Particularly notable is the **shrinking of the national defense and shipbuilding industries**, despite the fact that Greek-owned ships account for 59% of the EU member states' fleet.
- The current **economic policy**, a mix of handouts, subsidies, and "programs," without productive investment or a developmental plan, only perpetuates economic stagnation.
- The **failure to exploit the vast hydrocarbon potential** of Greece's Exclusive Economic Zone, as well as the critical minerals essential to modern technology found in Greek territory, results in a huge loss of potential national income and geopolitical power — something the government deliberately conceals.

3. Ideologically, the current government is at odds with Greek society, having adopted the doctrine of “multiculturalism” and the (already discredited globally) woke movement. Greek identity, tradition, language, history, family, patriotism, and religion are not among its priorities and, in fact, evoke contempt from some of its top officials. Critical thinking and questioning of the dominant government narrative are persecuted. Wiretapping attempts to control the media and social networks undermine the foundations of public life.

4. The so-called “executive state” has lost political credibility with the tragedy at Tempi and moral credibility with what followed. The inability to deliver justice undermines the foundations of the rule of law and nullifies the social contract upon which the political structure is based. The country is experiencing an unprecedented wave of national outrage, made visible by the massive demonstrations around the world. Tempi became the catalyst for a collective realization of national decline that threatens the very future of the country. Adding to this is the wave of scandals at OPEKEPE (the Greek Payment Authority for EU Aid), possibly the largest of recent decades, which has sparked widespread anger and public disgust. The demand for **cleansing and restart** emerges as a pressing and universal call.

5. It is not only the current government but the entire political system that is incapable of offering convincing answers to the existential crisis we face. It lacks a vision for the future and produces no real policy proposals. It confines itself to managing the country's disintegration through propaganda, media maneuvers, and empty rhetoric. It fails to inspire or energize society. Today's political parties—small, medium, and large—are part of the problem and reflect its pathologies. In polls, "**none of the above**" is the dominant choice.

A realistic and persuasive response to the deadlock is urgently needed.

WHAT GREEK SOCIETY IS ASKING FOR

Greek society deserves a better future than the problematic reality it is experiencing today. Modern Greeks—heirs of a great civilization—excel in every country of the world: in science, in the economy, in shipping, in culture—everywhere except in their own homeland.

- There is an urgent need for **deep and bold political and administrative reforms at all levels**, so that our democracy can regain society's trust.
Greek society is asking for a **vision that inspires** and a **plan to implement it** for the rebirth of our country.
- Greece **can and must regain its productive capacity**. With appropriate financial tools, modern know-how, and state support, **Greek agriculture, handicrafts, and industry** can be revived, enabling the country to achieve **food security**, cover its **basic needs**, and develop **export potential**.
Only through **productive reconstruction** and the **specialized jobs** it will create can the **return of Greek youth to the homeland** become a reality.
- The **reconstruction of public education** and its transformation into a **modern, high-level, internationally recognized educational system**, rooted in **Greek tradition and classical learning**, with respected, socially valued, and decently compensated educators, can shape **well-rounded and mature citizens** with critical thinking skills and the ability to thrive in the modern world.
Addressing youth **delinquency and violence** requires building a **framework of values and ideals**, and promoting **positive role models**.
- **Foreign policy must be reorganized** on the basis of **national dignity, sovereignty**, and active commitment to **international legality**.
Dialogue with both allies and adversaries must be conducted with seriousness, dignity, and based on **mutual interests**.
Greece, as an organic member of the Western world, must become—not a follower, as it is today—but a **leader and pioneer** in international developments.
Restoring geopolitical influence and power is a basic requirement.

7. A radical restructuring of the political landscape is required—renewal through **honest and capable individuals** from society, the economy, science, and the younger generation.

Without ideological exclusions—aside from the extremes of the political spectrum—all Greeks are called to participate in the **rebirth of the nation**.

Naturally, this new political landscape will also include members of today's **democratic parties** who believe in **patriotic and democratic values**, and who remain committed to public service with **integrity and dignity**.

However, the **reconstruction of the country** and the **creation of a credible alternative governing force** cannot be undertaken by the continuously shrinking ruling parties or the small protest movements.

It **can and should be led** by **political leaders with governmental experience**, integrity, education, and **proven patriotism**, who hold the necessary respect both domestically and internationally.

Leaders who believe in the **European tradition** and Greece's **Western orientation**, and who have **demonstrated in practice** that they view Greece as an **equal partner** in the West—not as a subordinate.

Leaders who understand Greece's international alliances as frameworks for **advancing national interests**, as all sovereign nations do.

Leaders with an **independent vision and plan** for Greece, who do not surrender to externally imported narratives.

Leaders who know how to **build alliances, set goals**, and who can ensure the **future security of the younger generations** and those to come.

Leaders capable of **ushering in a new era** for Greece.

Even if such personalities did not exist, they would need to be invented.

But fortunately, **they do exist—and they must be mobilized!**

We, the active and committed citizens who sign this text, call upon them to step forward and assume their responsibilities.

The moment demands it, and society urgently needs it.