

Description of Funded Research Projects

1st Call for H.F.R.I. Research Projects
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Research Project Title:

**Understanding, measuring and
monitoring children's welfare: An
action plan with "The Smile"
C.W. - SMILE)**

Principal Investigator:
Eirini Leriou

Popular Title:
Measuring Children 's Welfare

Scientific Field:
Social Sciences

Host Institution:
**Panteion University of Social and
Political Sciences**



Το έργο χρηματοδοτείται (ή χρηματοδοτήθηκε) από το Ελληνικό Ίδρυμα Έρευνας και Καινοτομίας (ΕΛΙΔΕΚ) και από τη Γενική Γραμματεία Έρευνας και Τεχνολογίας (ΓΓΕΤ), με αρ. Σύμβασης Έργου 1926



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In this research project, an initial indicator of child welfare (well-being) or its opposite child poverty will be used, which has already been declared by the project scientific coordinator. This indicator will be developed, finalized and compared with other relevant indicators that record child welfare (well-being) and will be implemented in schools of Attica region. The participant/user is the “The Smile of the Child”, which has confirmed in writing its intention to cooperate, and will help focus on necessary information for the study of child welfare. An analysis of the results will be held, which will formulate specific proposals for economic and social policy, mitigation of child poverty and welfare enhancement of children in Greece.

So, the overall aim of the project has three main components: i) application of the index in the schools of Attica, for recording child welfare / poverty, according to a distinct kind of child poverty, which appeared in Greece during the crisis with further investigation, ii) through the participant – user, it will be consolidated and confirmed that the crisis in Greece had affected child welfare/poverty, while the degree of influence will be verified, and iii) after the project completion, the necessary know-how will be provided, in order to establish the participant/user as an Observatory for Children's Welfare.

The impact on society, as an outcome of the project, will include the development of analyses of the exploration into child welfare dimensions and indicators which will provide a starting point for a debate on the ways in which the study of child poverty can be dealt with by Greek experts. Moreover, it may be anticipated that officials responsible for policy making, representatives of research institutions and researchers themselves will become more aware of the complexities of defining and measuring child welfare and will thus become more attentive to the need of further investigation of appropriate methods and processes for implementing a more effective system of social protection in Greece. Another impact of the project is to provide the necessary know-how to establish “The Smile of the Child” as an observatory for children's welfare. Finally, the project is expected to have a long-term impact on social inequalities in Greece, since it will produce new findings on the estimation of child welfare.

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Previously, like all young scientists, I felt that I did not have any future in my country. I felt that this country did not have any future, as it was not interested to invest in children, young people and social sciences (society). In this context, although I loved my country, I was forced to go abroad, where young people and social sciences were appreciated, as they had already been interested in my research on children and there were available funds to young scientists to carry out standard investigations with integrated teams.

The funding of H.F.R.I. is for me, the light, the hope and the smile!! The hope that children, young people, and social sciences have a future in Greece! The hope that Greece has a future when investing in the three – fold, children - young people - science! For me the funding of H.F.R.I is the unexpected opportunity you give me after years of trying, suffering and difficulties, to stay in Greece and to carry out my research in my country. For all these I thank you wholeheartedly!!!

*The Principal Investigator,
Eirini Leriou*

Funding

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Foundation: **H.F.R.I.**





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