

**Establishment of an Advisory Committee for the Undergraduate Program
“European Studies: History, Society, Culture” (EPO)**

The Assembly of the Single-Department School of Humanities of the Hellenic Open University (HOU), having taken into consideration:

- a) Ministerial Decision No. B1/736/23.11.1998 (Government Gazette B’ 1246) approving the Undergraduate Program of Studies “Studies in European Culture” of the School of Humanities Studies of the Hellenic Open University,
- b) Ministerial Decision No. 192563/Z1/09.11.2017 (Government Gazette B’ 4078) regarding the renaming of the “School of Humanities Studies” of the Hellenic Open University to “School of Humanities,”
- c) Government Gazette (FEK) No. 1968/23-04-2025, Issue B, concerning the renaming of the Undergraduate Program of Studies “Studies in European Culture” of the School of Humanities of the Hellenic Open University to “European Studies: History, Society, Culture,”
- d) that the Undergraduate Program EPO was evaluated by a Committee of External Experts (17–22 May 2021),
- e) the External Evaluation Report for the EPO Undergraduate Program,
- f) the minutes of the 2nd/08-01-2026 meeting of the Program Studies Committee (PSC) of the EPO Undergraduate Program, item 2: Formation of the EPO Program Advisory Committee,

unanimously decided to establish an **Advisory Committee** for the Undergraduate Program “European Studies: History, Society, Culture” (EPO), composed of:

1. **Sofia Denisi**, Professor of History and Criticism of Literature (Department of Theory and History of Art, Athens School of Fine Arts) ([CV](#))
2. **Molly Greene**, Professor of History, Princeton University (USA) ([CV](#))

3. **Caterina Carpinato**, Professor of Modern Greek Language and Literature, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy) ([CV](#))
4. **Nikolaos Psarros**, Professor of Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, University of Leipzig ([CV](#))
5. **Evangelos Pavlis**, Assistant Professor at the Agricultural University of Athens and member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Geographical Society (EGE) ([CV](#))
6. **Panagiotis K. Ioakimidis**, Emeritus Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (EKPIA) ([CV](#))
7. **Maria Pournari**, Emerita Professor of Epistemology, University of Ioannina ([CV](#))

The role of the Advisory Committee shall be exclusively consultative, acting, on the one hand, as a “**bridge**” between the Program and society and the labor market—thus providing the Program with information, advice, and guidance on educational, research, and professional matters—and, on the other hand, in a **complementary supportive** capacity with respect to the information the Program receives from other academic institutions and bodies.

In particular, the Committee:

- will review and assess the changing needs of the labor market in the fields related to the Program’s academic/research areas;
- will propose action plans to ensure that the Program successfully responds to new economic, technological, and scientific challenges; and
- will support the achievement of the Program’s strategic goals.

Indicative responsibilities of the Committee:

- Providing advice on policy and strategy adopted by the Program to achieve its objectives.
- Identifying the changing needs of the labor market in areas related to the Program’s academic and research fields, and determining ways to address these new needs.

- Providing recommendations on the knowledge and skills the Program should impart and on achieving excellence.
- Providing advice and recommendations to enhance the Program's outward orientation, to establish partnerships with labor market bodies, and to promote its graduates.
- Taking initiatives to improve the Program's reputation within the Greek and international academic environment.
- Linking the Program with external networks across public and private entities, with the aim of attracting scholarships, internship positions, opportunities for educational collaborations with foreign higher education institutions, postgraduate studies, and business partnerships.
- Participating in the Program's external evaluation procedures.

The term of the Advisory Committee shall be **two years**, commencing on the date of approval of its establishment by the **University Senate**; its members may be reappointed, and their contribution shall be **voluntary**.

The Committee shall convene, upon invitation by the Program Director, **twice a year** or whenever deemed necessary.

The Committee's proposals shall be communicated to the Program Studies Committee (PSC), which shall make the final decisions regarding their possible implementation and utilization.