

Timeline of Mental health policy in Greece

2011 – 2020 Psychargos III

2012: L.4052/2012 fully reform of the psychiatric hospitals to open community networks of mental health services as an obligation of the country in the context of the economic adjustment programme .

- L.4072/2012 Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability and the optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

2013: Memorandum of agreement between the Commissioner of Labor, Social Affairs and inclusion Mr. LÁSZLÓ ANDOR and the Greek Minister of Health Mr. Andreas Lykourntzos for the extension and exceptional funding of Psychargos reform for the funding period (2011 – 2015) which was 100 m. euro

2014: L. 4272/14 “Regulations on mental Health” introduced TEPsy set new legal framework for Private psychiatric clinics

2016: Deliberation of Greek Government with the DG EMPL after the expiration of Andor-Lykourntzos memorandum of agreement for Psychargos

2017: Measures for the treatment of persons exempt from the prison sentence due to mental or intellectual disorder and other provisions L.4509/17.

- L. 4461/17 Reform of the Mental Health Services Management and Administration, Centers for the Specialization of Rare and Complex Diseases, amendment of the pension scheme of Law 4387/2016 and other provisions

- Introduced TOPSY

- Regulates Mental Health Services Management and Administrative issues

08/05/2017, Ministerial Decision: A4β/Γ.Π.οικ.34511

25/08/2017, Ministerial Decision: A4β/Γ.Π.οικ.63439/2017 (GG: B 2932/2017)

2018: MoH publishing of the Report Plan on sectorization for the development of Mental Health Structures. The current situation and the needs on Mental Health infrastructures and personnel.

10/12/2018, Ministerial Decision: Γ3α,β/Γ.Π.οικ.96037

Regulation of the Ministerial Decision Γ3α,β/Γ.Π.οικ.50688/03-07-2018 : “Approval from a feasibility point of view of the development of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Units (11 Boarding Houses) by legal entities governed by private law and legal entities governed by public law in terms of budgeting.

2018: Reform of Mental Health System still incomplete

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2001 – 2010 Psychargos II

- Method for organizing and running psychosocial rehabilitation units (boarding houses, hostels) and sheltered accommodation schemes pursuant to Art. 9 of L. 2716/99. Ministerial Decision of MoH. N. A3a/oik.876/16.5.2000
Introduced basic principles of mental health practice in Greece and foresees the creation Social Cooperative Units (Koispe)

- Legal Framework on Private MH structures and clinics Pd. 235/2000

Method For running and staffing mobile mental health units pursuant to Art.7, L.2716/99. Ministerial decision of MoH N. Y5β/oik1662/21.5.2001

- Creation and operation of 452 MHPSS Units in Greece 2000 – 2006

2005: Code of Medical Ethics in Greece. Art 28 sets the framework for mental healthcare which the doctor is obliged to provide to his / her patients L.3418/2005

2009: Agreement between DG EMPL Commissioner Mr. Vladimir Spidla and Greek Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos

2009: Method for running and staffing mobile mental health units pursuant to Art. 7, L. 2716/99 Ministerial Decision of MoH. N. Y5β/Γ.Π.οικ. 156618/25.11.2009
Regulates decentralization of MH units and services

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1981: Greece integration on EEC

1983: Establishment of National Health Care System
L.1397/83

1984: EEC Regulation 815/84

Foresaw an urgent 4 year funding period for 1984 - 1988

- creation and the promotion of career orientation centers and the psychosocial support and rehabilitation of MH patients in Greece

- 120 m. ecu, 100% EEC funding for 5 years
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1980

1990

2000

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2020

1990 – 1994: Deinstitutionalization of Patients of Leros Psychiatric Hospital (Leros asylum, Leros I and Leros II)

1991: Pd. 517/1991 for the operations of private health clinics

1992: Modernization and organization of the health system L.2071/92
Regulates the involuntary hospitalization and introduces Mental Health units

1996: Judicial Assistance L. 2447/96

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1997 – 2001 Psychargos I

- 80 new psychosocial rehabilitation units
- 35 new career orientation labs
- Deinstitutionalization of 1000 People from Psychiatric Hospitals
- training of mental health professionals,
- improving infrastructure and residents' daily living
- preparing patients for community living through employment skills training.

1999: Development of MH Services and other provisions L. 2716/99
Establishment of Mental Health Directorate on MoH

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2010 - 2018 Multidimensional Crisis

Between years 2008 – 2018 Greece have changed 8 different Governmental schemes and has passed through 5 National Elections and 1 Referendum

On 3 of May 2010- Euro area and IMF agreement on financial support programme for Greece

On July of 2011, the Commission set up the Task Force for Greece on the request of the Greek government

On 27 October 2011, Eurozone leaders and the IMF settled an agreement with banks whereby they accepted a 50% write-off of (part of) Greek debt.

On 2011 Establishment of EOPYY L.3918/2011

On 14 of March 2012, euro area finance ministers approved financing of the second economic adjustment programme for Greece.

On 19 August 2015 the third economic adjustment programme for Greece started and ran until 20 August 2018

Healthcare spending in Greece was severely affected by the financial recession , leading to a decrease of approx. 40% during the period 2009-2016.

Healthcare spending has fallen every year since 2009, reaching €14.1b in 2014, mainly due to the contraction in Government and Social Security coverage.

Between 2007 and 2014, citizen satisfaction with health care services has decreased by 17 p.p moving from 52% to 35% (OECD)

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Main Policy Objectives to be achieved by 2020:

1: Abolition of Institutional Care by 2020.

2: Developing community care and promoting the social inclusion of people with mental disabilities.

3: Improving the quality of mental health services

4: Promotion & Support of the administrative reorganization of mental health services and sectorization process