



The City of Athens Ombudsman

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“Greek Local Ombudspersons Network”

On 18.12.2012, two years after the establishment of the local ombudsman's institution in Greece, the incumbents from 11 cities met together with the incumbent of the Attica Region in order to set up a local ombudpersons network. They discussed common difficulties and best practices, while they underlined the lack of incumbent appointment at the vast majority of the municipalities and regions, a phenomenon which leads to the weakening of the citizens rights.

In the course of their meeting, the local ombudspersons adopted a resolution on the establishment of their network for the promotion of necessary proposals for the reform and more efficient function of the institution. They also decided to set up an internet platform dedicated to their on-line communication and to organize meetings on a three-month basis. With an unanimous decision they voted for Mr. Sotiropoulos, the City of Athens Ombudsman, as the network co-ordinator.

The network is open to all the local ombudspersons of Greece, who are 30 at the moment. After the announcement of its establishment, four more local ombudsmen from Mid- and Northern Greece expressed their interest to participate.