

## WHO WE ARE

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The Ecological Movement of Patras (OIKIPA) is a grassroots environmental , based in Patras, the third in population city of Greece, and was founded in the April of 1986, just after the Chernobyl accident.

In the goals of its founding declaration are included:

....The information and sensitivisation and mobilization of the citizens in environmental matters

.... The pushing forward of the environmental matters in their social, political and economical dimensions.

.... The specific action to influence positively the local and national environmental affairs as well as matters of quality of life in the town.

Main principle of the movement is political independence, something that has been, so far, preserved as the apple of one's eye.

Legally OIKIPA has the form of a non-profit NGO,

Member's are considered all those who accept the principles of the movement and take actively part the making and realization of the decisions

The active members are all equal; there is no hierarchy and permanent separation of duties. There is a three-member committee for the coordination of the current affairs.

The weekly meeting of the members (every Monday at 21:30) is the only decision -making organ of the movement.

OIKIPA is not dependant to anyone regarding its fund raising. Its sources of fund are transparent and independent (supporters donations, members contributions, eco-tourist activities and other activities as carnival parties etc).

Every sensitive to local and global environmental matters citizen is welcome to take part and support the activities of the movement.**THE DECALOGUE OF THE ECO-TOURIST**