



**The Athens Model United Nations
The Thessaloniki Model United Nations
The Hellenic Model United Nations Organisation**

1998-2023
25 years promoting MUN in Greece

- **Basic facts, history and impact**
- **MUN in Greece today**

This report was prepared by the
Hellenic Model United Nations Organisation

Website: www.hmuno.org

E-mail: info@hmuno.org

Athens & Thessaloniki, May 2023

Table of contents

A message from the HMUNO	4
Major milestones and events	5
Our history and mission	6
AMUN & TMUN: context and impact	7
<i>The AMUN in numbers</i>	8
<i>The TMUN in numbers</i>	9
<i>Beyond two cities</i>	10
<i>Participation cost & budget</i>	11
Participation cost: comparative study	12
Making MUN in Greece accessible to all	13
Annex 1: Participating schools (AMUN & TMUN)	14
Annex 2: MUNs in Greece	17

Dear Friends,

As the HMUNO ceases its activities, we look back at the 25 years that have passed since the first edition of the Athens Model United Nations in 1998. In this report, which we hope you will take the time to review, you will find information on the history of AMUN and its companion conference, the Thessaloniki Model United Nations (TMUN), established in 2002.

However, this report also keeps an eye on the present and the future. Much has changed in the last quarter of a century, with MUNs becoming regular fixtures on the calendars of many Greek schools. Nevertheless, significant barriers, both geographical and financial, remain for schools wishing to participate in such programmes.

The core mission of AMUN and TMUN since their inception was to provide an accessible opportunity to local schools. In doing so, these conferences established that it is possible to organise such events at low cost to participants, even without any external funding or sponsorships. It is our sincere hope that the entities behind the several MUNs for schools organised in Greece today will do their best to lower the financial barriers to participation and actively seek to attract a diverse pool of participating schools.

Sadly, **the HMUNO will not be offering any further editions of AMUN and TMUN.** We therefore also wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for many years of fruitful cooperation in bringing these two conferences to life for the benefit of thousands of students. We are certain that you will continue pursuing similar opportunities with the same drive and enthusiasm in the future.

Sincerely,

The HMUNO Board
The AMUN Organising Team
The TMUN Organising Team

Major milestones & events

1998

1998

1st Athens MUN (AMUN) organised by the **United Nations Information Centre (UNIC)** in February 1998. 23 schools participate with 232 delegates.

2002

2002

1st Thessaloniki MUN (TMUN) takes place. 8 schools participate with 104 delegates.

200³₄

2003-04

UNIC closes down in December 2003. The organisation is assumed by a team of volunteers, all former AMUN participants. AMUN 2004 is delivered with less than 3 months' lead-time.

2010

2010

The Hellenic Model United Nations Organisation (HMUNO) is founded and becomes the institutional home of AMUN and TMUN.

2017

2017

AMUN becomes first MUN in Greece to celebrate its 20th edition. 57 schools participate with 403 delegates.

2020

2020

COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. AMUN 2020 is cancelled 2 days before starting. TMUN goes online for 2 years.

2021

2021

TMUN reaches its 20th edition. 23 schools participate with 218 delegates.

2023

2023

The HMUNO ceases its operations in early 2023, 25 years after the 1st AMUN took place.

Our history

In **February 1998**, the **United Nations Information Centre (UNIC Athens)**, along with a small group of volunteers, organised the first Athens Model United Nations with the participation of 23 local schools. Until then, barely a handful of Greek schools had any MUN experience. Over the next few years, the conference grew in size, as did the team of volunteers. Part of the same team was behind the first Thessaloniki MUN that took place in November 2002.

Following the unfortunate closure of UNIC at the end of 2003, after six successful editions of AMUN, this team decided that it was important to keep the conference alive for future participants and, despite taking charge of the organisation with just 3 months' lead-time, was instrumental in delivering AMUN 2004, ensuring that AMUN proceeded with no interruption.

These efforts laid the ground for the further development of these conferences and, in 2010, the **Hellenic Model United Nations Organisation (HMUNO)** was founded to become the institutional home of AMUN and TMUN. Under this organisational framework, the AMUN was the first MUN conference in Greece to reach its 20th session in 2017, with TMUN reaching the same milestone in 2021.

The HMUNO was an entirely **non-profit organisation** exclusively dedicated to promoting MUN as an educational activity for high-school students, mainly through the organisation of the annual AMUN and TMUN sessions. It ceased its operations in early 2023.

Our mission

As it had been since the inception of AMUN, **our core mission was to provide an accessible opportunity to local schools and students**, especially those facing the steepest financial barriers to joining such programmes, **and to bring MUN to the mainstream of Greek High School activities as an invaluable educational tool.**

AMUN & TMUN: context & impact

We estimate that **8000 students** participated in the **42 editions** of AMUN and TMUN held between 1998 and 2021, coming from **245 schools**, of which **66% public** and **28% private**. Although the focus of the organisation was on local schools and no active effort was made to attract foreign schools, a further **6% of schools came from outside Greece**, from Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the USA, from as far away as Madagascar and California.

Among MUNs in Greece, **AMUN and TMUN came closest to reflecting the diversity of Greek schools**, with AMUN consistently at the 70% level of public school participation and TMUN at 56% for the last several years. This was **still not representative of the real picture, where about 94% of Senior High Schools are public**.

This can be partly attributed to the relative difficulty that teachers at public schools encounter in sustaining participation in MUNs as a long-term school activity. Indeed, we observed over the years that **the average public school participated in AMUN and TMUN less than half the number of times compared with the average private school**.

You can find more data about AMUN and TMUN, including the evolution of participating schools and students, and the geographical distribution of participating schools, in the next few pages.



The Athens MUN in numbers (1998-2020)



**22
EDITIONS**

23rd edition (2020)
cancelled at the out-
break of the COVID-
19 pandemic

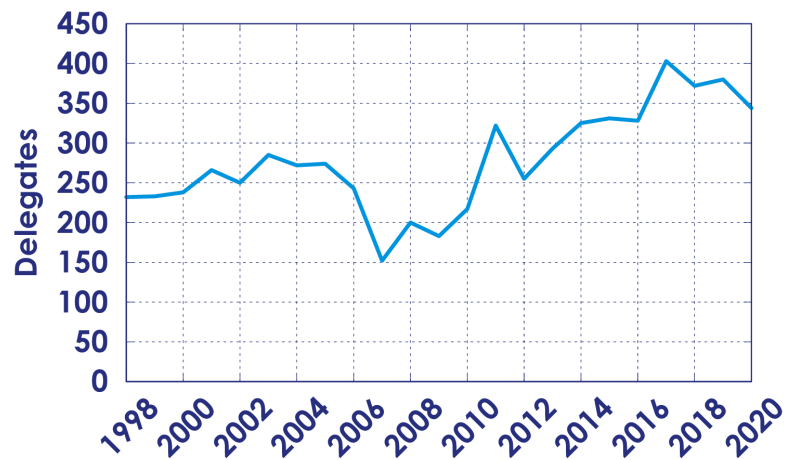


**5000
STUDENTS**



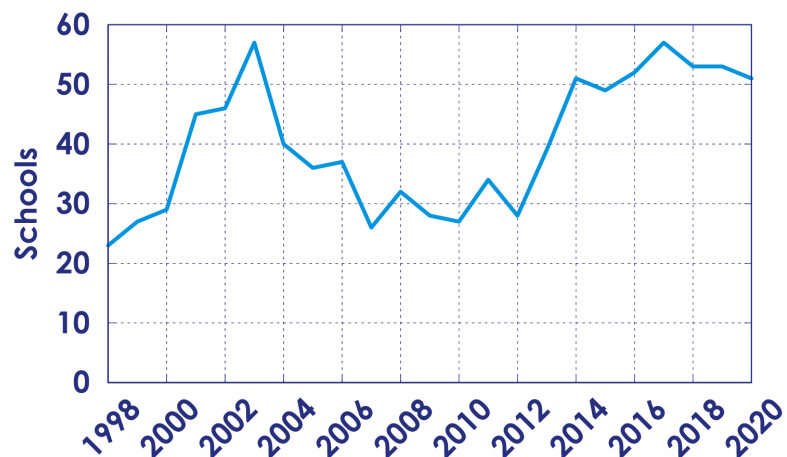
**181
SCHOOLS**
68% PUBLIC

Number of delegates



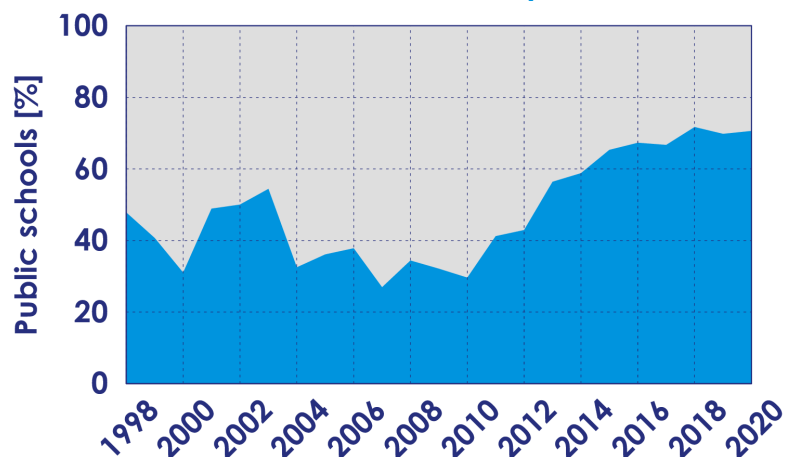
370 participants on average in the last 5 editions
(delegates only, excluding student officers and press team)

Number of schools



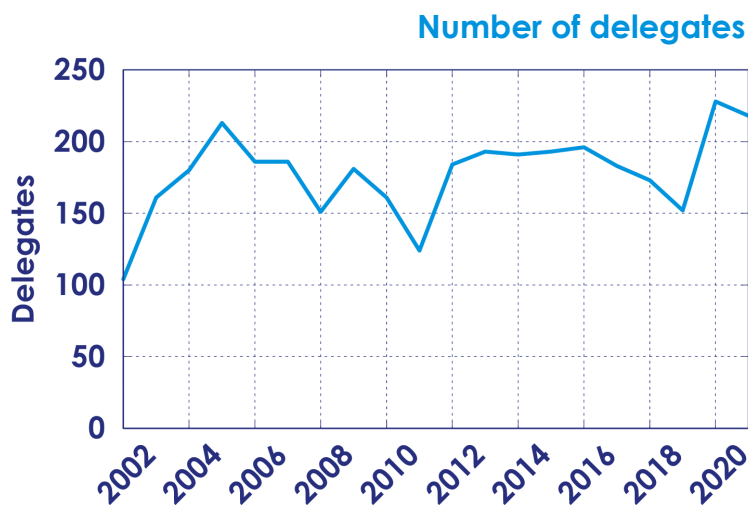
52 schools per year on average since 2014

Fraction of public schools

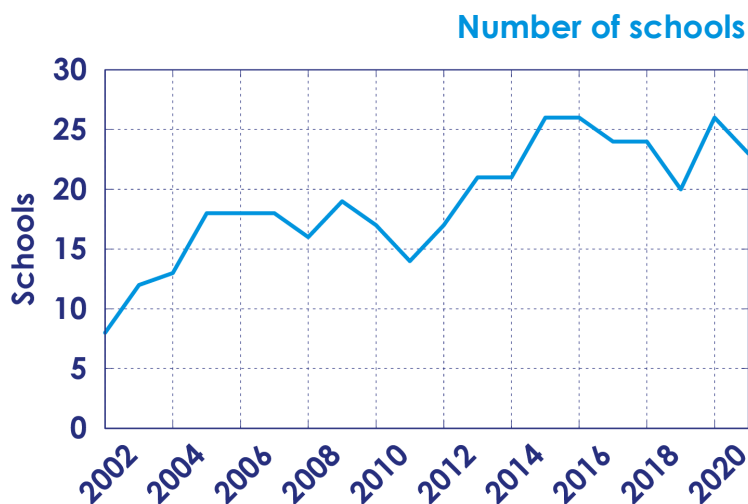


70% public schools on average in the last 5 editions

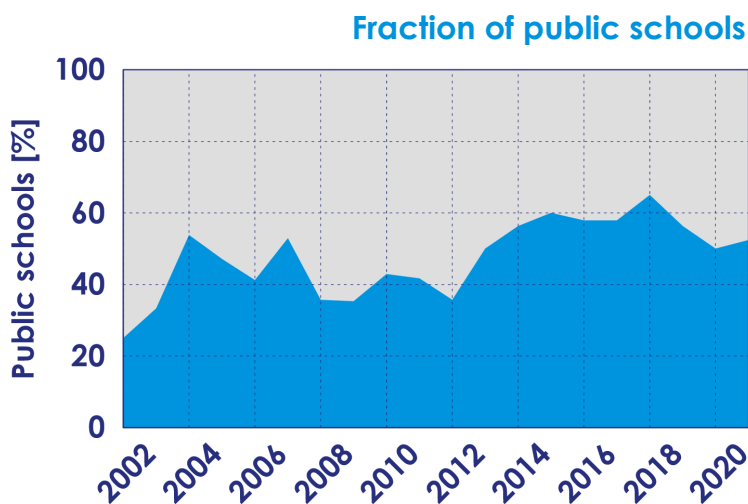
The Thessaloniki MUN in numbers (2002-2021)



190 participants on average in the last 5 editions
(delegates only, excluding student officers and press team)



24 schools per year on average since 2014



56% public schools on average since 2013



**20
EDITIONS**

19th and 20th edi-
tions (2020 & 2021)
held online during
COVID-19 pandemic



**3000
STUDENTS**



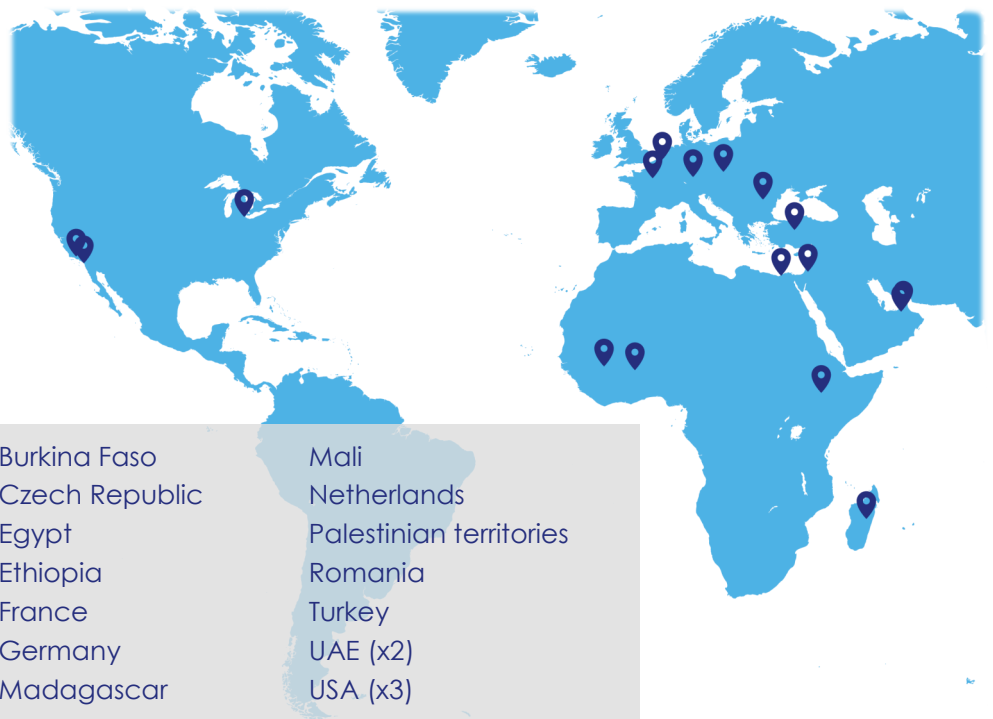
**80
SCHOOLS**
57% PUBLIC

AMUN & TMUN: beyond two cities



Locations of Greek schools outside Athens and Thessaloniki that participated in AMUN & TMUN.

Ag. Efstratios	Kastritsi	Rhodos
Aitoliko	Komotini	Rodolivos
Alexandroupoli	Larisa	Samothraki
Arnaia	Lefkada	Sykia
Chios	Livadeia	Tripoli
Filiates	Patra	Xanthi
Kallipoli	Poros	

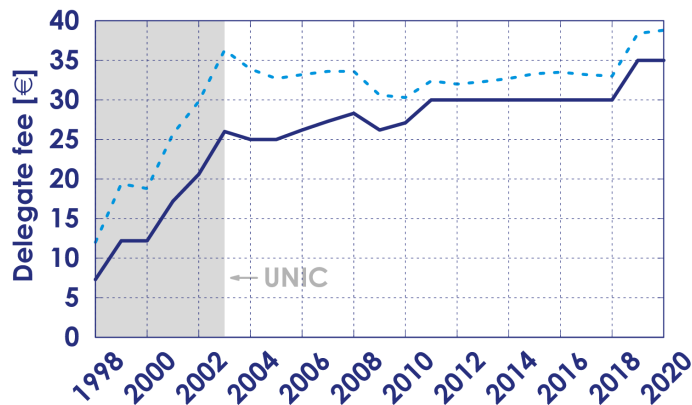


Locations of schools outside Greece that participated in AMUN & TMUN.

Burkina Faso	Mali
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Egypt	Palestinian territories
Ethiopia	Romania
France	Turkey
Germany	UAE (x2)
Madagascar	USA (x3)

AMUN & TMUN: participation cost & budget

Delegate fees (nominal and inflation adjusted to 2022 prices)

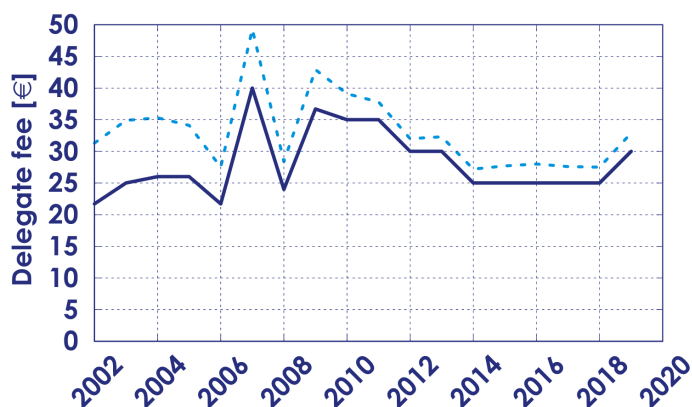


AMUN

Delegate fees remained virtually **constant between 30-35€** (in present terms) **for 15 years**.

Notes on the figure:

1. 1998-2001 values converted to €. 2. Costs initially subsidised by UNIC. 3. Fees charged per full delegation until 2010; individual fees established in 2011.



TMUN

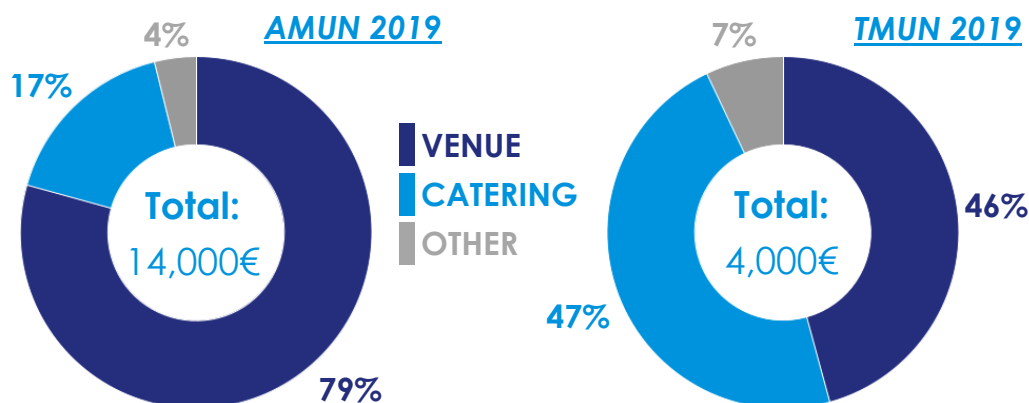
Over the course of the years, fees **stabilised between 25-30€** per delegate in present terms.

Notes on the figure:

1. Data from the last two editions held online in 2020 and 2021 are excluded. 2. Fees charged per full delegation until 2009; individual fees established in 2010.

Budget breakdown of last pre-pandemic AMUN and TMUN (2019):

- **AMUN:** Almost **80%** of the budget is expended on **venue rental** costs and more than **95%** on **venue plus catering**.
- **TMUN:** Venue and catering costs each account for over 45% of the budget (93% of total), with less than 10% spent on other items.



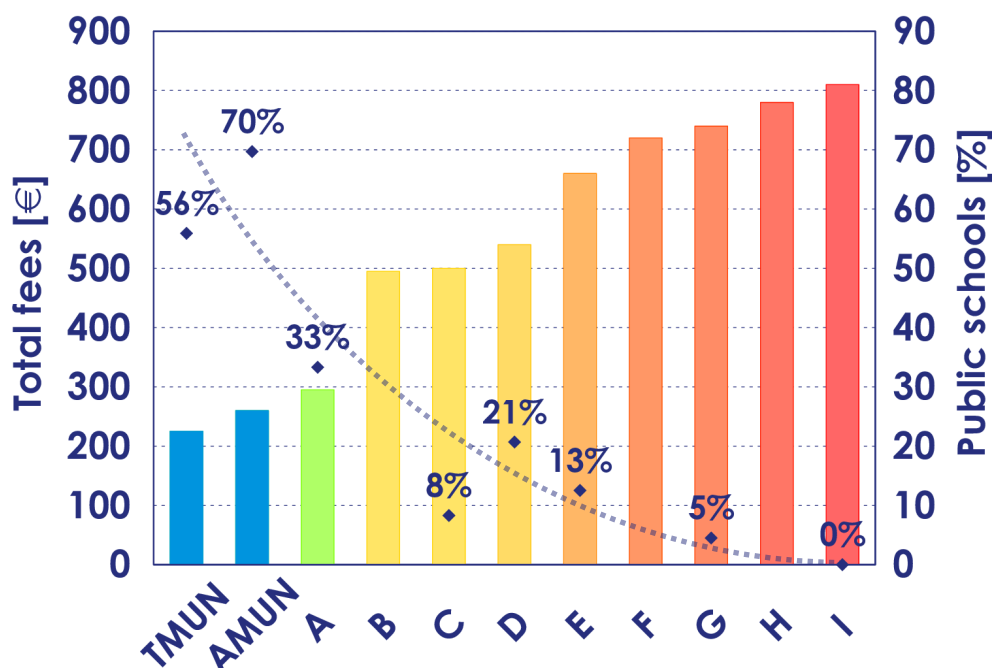
AMUN & TMUN established that, even while renting the venue at market rates (AMUN) and without any additional funding or sponsorships, **the conferences could be organised at an individual cost below 35€**.

Participation cost: comparative study

The cost of participation varies significantly from conference to conference. In the **graph below**, we compare the **total participation fees for 7 delegates, 2 advisors and 1 student officer** at AMUN and TMUN and 9 other MUNs in Greece (labelled A-I) for which data were available.

Total fees (left scale) range from as low as **225€ and 260€ at TMUN and AMUN** respectively, to **over 800€**. With one exception, costs are **at least double or more than triple** what they are at AMUN and TMUN.

The **fraction (%) of public schools** (right scale) in each MUN is also shown on the graph in the cases where the information was available. The **strongly negative correlation between the participation fees and the fraction of public schools** is evident (dotted line).



Notes on the figure: 1. Where different fee options were available (e.g. early/late registration, local/non-local schools), the least costly option was considered. 2. School fees included, where charged. 3. Public school fraction data: average of last 5 editions for AMUN & TMUN; latest public data available for other conferences (last pre-pandemic or first post-pandemic in-person edition), where available.

Making MUN in Greece accessible to all

Significant barriers to participation in MUNs in Greece remain, both geographical and financial. Activity is currently concentrated in Athens (7 MUNs excluding AMUN), Thessaloniki (4 MUNs excluding TMUN, including 1 organised in Greek) and, more recently, in Patra (1 MUN). While geographical disadvantages are objectively more difficult to overcome, the question of the cost of participation to MUN conferences could –and should– be more readily addressed.

On pages 8, 9 and 11 we showed the evolution of participation fees in AMUN and TMUN over time, as well as the budget breakdown of these two conferences. Significant effort was made to keep fees at the bare minimum by only allocating funds to the necessary essentials. **AMUN and TMUN exclusively relied on participation fees**, with no external funding or sponsorship of any kind, and conference venues were rented, at market rates in the case of AMUN. Despite this, **our experience established that such conferences can be organised at an individual cost of less than 35€**, keeping the events accessible and affordable.

This is a clear baseline against which to compare the participation costs at other MUN conferences, all of which take place at proprietary venues. As shown on page 12, participation costs at almost all other MUNs for which data are available can exceed the AMUN and TMUN costs by at least a factor of two and up to more than a factor of three. It is further shown that **increased costs are strongly negatively correlated with the participation of public schools** at these events.

With the absence of AMUN and TMUN, the prospect of MUN becoming a largely exclusive activity for a small subset of schools is already materialising, despite the superficially encouraging picture painted by the large number of MUNs that have sprung up in recent years. **We therefore strongly encourage the organising entities of these conferences to eliminate non-essential costs and to adopt attracting a diverse and representative set of schools as a central objective.**

Participating schools (I)

Annex 1

Abbreviations: (S)HS: (Senior) High School, **Exp.:** Experimental, **FLS:** Foreign Language School)

- 1st Exp. HS of Thessaloniki
- 1st Exp. SHS of Athens
- 1st HS of Ambelokipoi
- 1st Int'l School of Ostrava (Czech Republic)
- 1st Junior HS of Pylaia
- 1st Pilot Exp. SHS of Thessaloniki "M. Andronikos"
- 1st Senior HS of Oraikastro
- 1st SHS of Alimos
- 1st SHS of Ampelokipoi
- 1st SHS of Ano Liosia
- 1st SHS of Chios
- 1st SHS of Dafni
- 1st SHS of Gerakas
- 1st SHS of Holargos
- 1st SHS of Hymettus
- 1st SHS of Kamatero
- 1st SHS of Kifissia
- 1st SHS of Koropi
- 1st SHS of Livadeia
- 1st SHS of Markopoulo
- 1st SHS of Menemeni
- 1st SHS of Metamorfosi
- 1st SHS of Mikra
- 1st SHS of Nea Makri
- 1st SHS of Neo Psychiko
- 1st SHS of Papagou
- 1st SHS of Pefki
- 1st SHS of Piraeus
- 1st SHS of Tavros
- 1st SHS of Thermi
- 1st SHS of Voula
- 1st SHS of Vrilissia
- 1st SHS of Xanthi
- 1st Technical School (TEE) of Chaidari
- 1st Vocational School of Ymittos
- 12th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 14th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 16th SHS of Athens
- 19th SHS Thessaloniki
- 2nd Exp. SHS of Athens
- 2nd Intercultural Education SHS of Athens
- 2nd Model Exp. SHS of Thessaloniki
- 2nd SHS of Ano Liosia
- 2nd SHS of Artemida
- 2nd SHS of Athens
- 2nd SHS of Gerakas
- 2nd SHS of Glyfada
- 2nd SHS of Glyka Nera
- 2nd SHS of Holargos
- 2nd SHS of Ilion
- 2nd SHS of Ilioupoli
- 2nd SHS of Kaisariani
- 2nd SHS of Kalamaria
- 2nd SHS of Kamatero
- 2nd SHS of Kiato
- 2nd SHS of Kifissia
- 2nd SHS of Lefkada "A. Sikielianos"
- 2nd SHS of Mikra
- 2nd SHS of Moschato
- 2nd SHS of Nea Smyrni "Omireio"
- 2nd SHS of Nikaia
- 2nd SHS of Pefki
- 2nd SHS of Pireas
- 2nd SHS of Thermi
- 2nd SHS of Voula
- 2nd SHS of Vrilissia
- 2nd Vocational SHS of Halandri
- 20th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 25th SHS of Athens
- 26th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 3rd HS of Komotini
- 3rd SHS of Ag. Dimitrios
- 3rd SHS of Alexandroupoli
- 3rd SHS of Athens
- 3rd SHS of Chalandri
- 3rd SHS of Evosmos
- 3rd SHS of Holargos
- 3rd SHS of Kallithea
- 3rd SHS of Kifissia
- 3rd SHS of Koropi
- 3rd SHS of Marousi
- 3rd SHS of N. Ionia

AMUN & TMUN, 1998 to present

Annex 1

Participating schools (II)

Abbreviations: (S)HS: (Senior) High School, **Exp.:** Experimental, **FLS:** Foreign Language School)

- 3rd SHS of N. Smyrni "Kentriko"
- 3rd SHS of Paleo Faliro
- 3rd SHS of Petroupoli
- 3rd SHS of Zografou
- 30th HS of Thessaloniki
- 30th SHS of Athens
- 31st SHS of Thessaloniki
- 32nd SHS of Thessaloniki
- 33rd SHS of Thessaloniki
- 39th SHS of Athens
- 4th SHS of Ag. Paraskevi
- 4th SHS of Alimos
- 4th SHS of Argiroupoli
- 4th SHS of Glyfada
- 4th SHS of Marousi
- 4th SHS of Rodos
- 4th SHS of Tripoli
- 49th SHS of Athens
- 5th SHS of Aigaleo
- 5th SHS of Chalandri
- 5th SHS of Ilioupoli
- 5th SHS of Marousi
- 5th SHS of Nea Smyrni
- 5th SHS of Nikaia
- 5th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 5th SHS of Vyrnas
- 56th SHS of Athens
- 6th HS of Kalamaria
- 6th SHS of Kallithea
- 6th SHS of Larissa
- 6th SHS of Marousi
- 6th SHS of Nea Smyrni
- 6th SHS of Zografou
- 7th SHS of Nea Smyrni
- 8th HS - Lykeiakes Taxeis Halandriou
- 8th SHS of Marousi
- 8th SHS of Thessaloniki
- 9th SHS of Patra
- A' Arsakeio SHS of Psychiko
- A' Tositseio Arsakeio SHS of Ekali
- American Community Schools of Athens
- American Farm School
- American School of Antananarivo (Madagascar)
- Anaksagoreio SHS of Nea Erythraia
- Anatolia College (HS & SHS)
- Aristoteleio College
- Arsakeio SHS of Patra
- Arsakeio SHS of Psychiko (Classiko)
- Arsakeio HS of Thessaloniki
- Arsakeio SHS of Thessaloniki
- Asteroidis School
- Athens College - HAEF
- Avgouleia-Linardatou School
- Axion School (Xanthi)
- B' Arsakeio HS of Psychiko
- B' Arsakeio SHS of Psychiko
- B' Tositseio Arsakeio SHS of Ekali
- Byron College
- Champion School
- Capistrano Valley HS (USA)
- Colegiul National "Mihai Eminescu" (Romania)
- Costeas-Geitonias School
- Delhi Private School Sharjah (UAE)
- Deutsche Schule Athen
- Diamantopoulos Schools
- Dondero HS (USA)
- Doukas School
- Dubai British School
- Ekpedeffiki Anagennisi
- Elliniki Paideia
- Ellinogermaniki Agogi
- Evangeliki School of Nea Smyrni
- Exp. HS of the University of Patra
- Exp. HS of the University of Thessaloniki
- Exp. SHS of Ag. Anargiroi
- Exp. SHS of the University of Athens
- FLS Epikinonia
- FLS Ison Polichni
- FLS Lexicon Botsari
- FLS Lexicon Mela
- FLS Lexicon Triandria

Participating schools (III)

Annex 1

Abbreviations: **(S)HS:** (Senior) High School, **Exp.:** Experimental, **FLS:** Foreign Language School)

- FLS Pastrafidou
- FLS Petropoulou
- FLS Protypo
- FLS The Right Way
- FLS V. Dimka
- Fryganiotis School
- G. Zois School
- Geitonas School
- Greek Community School (Ethiopia)
- Greek-French School "Jeanne d' Arc"
- Hellenic College of Thessaloniki (HS & SHS)
- Hellenic-French School "Kalamari" (HS & SHS)
- HS of Rodolivos and Proti
- I. M. Panagiotopoulos School
- Ilion Music School
- Intercultural Education SHS of Evosmos
- Int'l School of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)
- Ionideios Model Exp. HS of Piraeus
- Ionios School
- Italian School of Athens
- Junior HS of Dionysos
- Kantas School
- Korais School
- Leonteio SHS of Nea Smyrni
- Leonteio SHS of Patissia
- Lycée Charles de Gaulle (Turkey)
- Lycée Français Liberté (Mali)
- Lycée Franco-Hellenique (Ag. Paraskevi)
- Lycée Leonardo da Vinci (France)
- Mandoulides School
- Mater Dei HS (USA)
- Model Exp. SHS of Anavryta
- Model Exp. SHS of the University of Patras
- Model SHS of Athens
- Moraitis School
- Nea Paideia
- Oskar-von-Miller Gymnasium (Germany)
- Ostrea Lyceum (Netherlands)
- Othisi School
- Pallini Music School
- Panou School
- Pierce - The American College of Greece
- Pinewood American Int'l School of Thessaloniki
- Platon School
- Ralleio SHS of Piraeus
- Ramallah Friends School (Palestinian territories)
- Rizareios SHS
- "Saint Joseph" Greek-French School
- SHS of Ag. Efstratios
- SHS of Ag. Ioannis Rentis
- SHS of Ag. Nikolaos
- SHS of Aitoliko
- SHS of Alexandria "Averofeio" (Egypt)
- SHS of Arnaia
- SHS of Aspropyrgos
- SHS of Dionysos
- SHS of Evros
- SHS of Filiates
- SHS of Filothei
- SHS of Kallipoli
- SHS of Kareas
- SHS of Kastritsi
- SHS of Melissa
- SHS of Metamorphosi
- SHS of Nea Erythraia
- SHS of Nea Penteli
- SHS of Palaio Psychiko
- SHS of Penteli
- SHS of Poros
- SHS of Sykia
- SHS of Vari
- St. Lawrence College
- St. Paul's School (HS & SHS)
- Themistoklis School
- V. Kargakou School
- Varvakeion Model Exp. SHS
- Yannopoulos School
- Ziridis School

AMUN & TMUN, 1998 to present

As of publication of this report, we are aware of the following ongoing MUN conferences for high school students in Greece, listed by city and from oldest to most recent.

Athens

- Deutsche Schule Athen MUN (DSAMUN) - www.dsamun.gr
- Costeas Geitonas School MUN (CGSMUN) - cgsmun.gr
- Champion School MUN (CSMUN) - mun.campion.edu.gr
- Platon School MUN (PSMUN) - ps-mun.gr
- American College of Greece MUN (ACGMUN) - www.acgmun.gr
- 1st Middle School of Kifisia MUN (MSKMUN) - www.mskmun.com
- Saint Catherine's MUN (SCMUN) - www.mun.stcatherines.gr

Thessaloniki

- Anatolia College MUN (ACMUN) - anatolia.edu.gr/acmun
- Aristoteleio College MUN (ARCMUN) - aristoteliocollegemun.weebly.com
- Deutsche Schule Thessaloniki MUN (DSTMUN) - www.dstmun.com
- "Μαθητές σε Ρόλο Διπλωμάτη" (in Greek) - roh.gr

Patra

- Arsakeia Tositseia Schools MUN (ATSMUN) - www.atsmun.gr



...: join mun! learn. debate. experience.

We are grateful for the support of the **Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights**, which provided a much-needed institutional cover for AMUN during the transition period between the UNIC closure and the founding of the HMUNO. In Thessaloniki, the **American Farm School** offered to host the 5th edition of TMUN in 2006 and went on to become the permanent home of the conference. We could not have asked for better hosts than this unique institution.

Finally, the **UNIC staff and first generation of volunteers** combined their talents to bring the first AMUN to life 25 years ago. The thousands of students that have taken part in AMUN and TMUN, and many more who benefitted from other conferences that sprung up as a result, as well as us, AMUN and TMUN organisers of the past two decades, owe them a debt of gratitude for setting this all in motion. **Thank you.**



The
Hellenic Model United Nations Organisation

www.hmuno.org

info@hmuno.org

April 2023