

The Greek film club of Luxembourg needs your active participation

Dear members and friends,

In January 2022 our film club will celebrate 20 years of existence since its reactivation. During all these years, we have had the opportunity to watch a Greek film in the cinema every month, except for the summer months. We are probably the only small linguistic community in Luxembourg that has achieved this. Some productions are recent, others older or classics. Our films appeal not only to Greeks, but to anyone interested in Greek cinema and culture, as they always have English or French subtitles.

We have had the pleasure to invite film directors and other guests who attended screenings and discussed with the audience. Our first guest was Pericles Housoglou, followed by Mark Gastin, Yannis Soldatos, Savvas Karydas, Antonis Boskoitis, Alexis Alexiou, Giorgos Symeonidis, Nicole Alexandropoulou with Yiannis Petridis, Iordanis Ananiadis, Margarita Manta, Panos C. Koutras, Konstantinos Giannaris, Stella Theodorakis, Giorgos Avgeropoulos, Stelios Kouloglou, Yannis Sakaridis, Giorgos Zervas, Dimitris Athanitis, Angelos Spartalis and very recently Simon Farmakas.

We have collaborated with Neumünster Abbey, the Cinémathèque, the Luxembourg City Film Festival, among others, and organised joint screenings.

The club's Board selects the films based on their quality, but also their cost, which increased considerably since 2008. Until then the Greek Film Centre was kindly lending us the films free of charge. Since we started paying screening fees for almost every film, the club survives mainly thanks to the financial support of the *Cercle Culturel*.

A lot has changed in the past 20 years. Film reels used to weigh 25 kg and were transported to Luxembourg thanks to the assistance of the Greek Embassy. The strongest member of the Board used to carry them to the cinema. Later these were replaced by external hard drives, weighing a few grams. What has not changed, however, is that screenings can only be organised thanks to the voluntary work of the 5 members of the Board who are elected every February by the general assembly of members. Our club belongs to the *Cercle culturel des Institutions européennes à Luxembourg* and receives a grant every year, thanks to which it can survive. The **President** and the **Treasurer** of the club must be **officials of the European institutions**, according to the rules of the *Cercle culturel*.

Our Club needs “new blood”, young people who wish to be actively involved and help promote Greek cinema in Luxembourg. It is crucial to find officials of the European Institutions and other volunteers, who can replace some of the current Board members approaching retirement.

We therefore invite fans of Greek cinema who wish to join us to express their interest and to stand as candidates for the elections of the Board that will take place in February 2022.