



SOUND OF DIVERSITY

21.-23.08.2026

Kileler Municipality, Greece

Traditional Rhythms, Modern Narratives in Europe: Dance Fest in Kileler

„Sound of Diversity” is a large-scale Network of Towns initiative aimed at strengthening the role of local authorities in advancing diversity, combating discrimination, and fostering the inclusion of minorities. The network brings together municipalities that host prominent community events, including the Gaming Village Festival in Óbidos (Portugal), the Khamoro Romani Festival in Prague (Czechia), the Multitude Festival in the County of Seine-Saint-Denis (France), the Festival of Various Arts in Aleksandrów Łódzki (Poland), the Festival of Tolerance in Croatia, the Cultural Days of Bârlad (Romania), the People’s Feast in Molfetta (Italy), the Greek Dance Fest in Kileler (Greece), and the Epicentrum Festival in Poland. These events will go beyond traditional town network formats—such as conferences, training sessions, seminars, study visits, and capacity-building workshops—by introducing the „Sound of Diversity Stage”. This open-air community space is designed to engage directly with local residents, youth, activists, minority representatives, and experts. It will serve as a dynamic platform to explore key issues related to diversity management, anti-discrimination, inclusion, and the broader EU policy context. The project also supports locally hosted Sound of Diversity actions aligned with existing events such

as the Cultural Municipal Days in Budapest and Novi Sad, and the „Play with Me” International Inclusive Festival in Ljubljana. Among the expected outcomes of the project are a practical Guidebook on diversity, inclusion, and belonging, as well as tangible improvements to local policies in the participating towns.

The main objective of this international SoD event is to expand the knowledge on how history, architecture and traditions shape current cultural and social space, and how they impact wider, transnational narratives of Europe. It is hosted by the Municipality of Kileler, and organised in collaboration with an international community event dedicated to traditional dances: the Cultural Meeting in Larissa: <https://www.culturalmeeting.gr/>

The Cultural Meeting has taken place in Larissa’s region since 2016 and since then it has been introducing the citizens of the region to the various traditional dances around the world. The festival takes place for five nights in different municipalities of the region including Municipality of Kileler and specifically Chalki where our Sound of Diversity Stage will be set up introducing the connection of folk/traditional dancing and its role to inclusivity and communication.



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Agenda

21.08.2026 | Arrival and Welcome

Bus from Thessaloniki airport at 16:00 (tentative)

18:30 – Arrivals

Hotel Grand, Larissa

19:00 – Welcome dinner in a restaurant nearby from the Hotel

**20:30 – 21:30 – Cultural Meeting Festival event:
Parade of Dancing Groups in Larissa**

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09:00 – Departure from the hotel

09:30 – Visit to Ancient Krannonas

A tour guided by a lecturer of the University of Thessaly and the of University of Crete (tbc) on how the local archeological findings impacted the area

10:30 – 11:30 – Welcome by the Mayor of Kileler and a workshop on the topic of diversity in modern narratives of Europe and in the SoD Guidebook
facilitated by Eliza Gaust and Gosia Wochowska





A tour guided by the Director of the Organisation and Programming of the Municipality of Kileler

15:00 – Departure

Free time (quiet time in the Hotel)

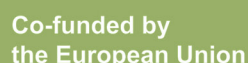
A roundtable on how traditional dances impacted the cultural integrity in the area. The participants of the SoD Stage will be academics, professionals, dancers and/or people involved in the folk dancing industry

21:30 Cultural Meeting Festival event: International Event with folk dances in Chalki (the main part of the Festival)

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Bus for Thessaloniki airport at 10:00

Departures





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The SoD participants will be accommodated in hotels in Larissa:
<https://www.hotelgrand.gr/en/>

All meals—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—along with transport from the airport and to any needed locations, will be organized by the hosts, so you can fully focus on the festival and exploring the city's sights.



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