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Because life is like theatre and game, you either learn to play, transfering what you learned or bear the pain[1]

When in June of year 1995 the concerns, thoughts and visions of the unforgettable Eugenia and Georgios ATHANASSOPOULOS, of the author of this article, of Epameinonda ATHANASSOPOULOS and of some special collaborators created the form of texts of the first copy of the REVIEW OF DECENTRALIZATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, there was the certainty that the intention of the editor were good, the certainty about the future of this attempt and the doubts of many other people on the results of this new editorial attempt.

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1. *PALLADAS ALEXANDREYS, Poet, which lived in Alexandria of Egypt in the beginning of the 5th century. 150 his important writings are saved.*

The new publication was meant to cover a variety of subjects, on the occasion of the big problems of Decentralisation, which remains a dream over decades in Greece, going through the risky sector of the Local Structures, that are usually insufficient institutionally and approaching the final goal which are the creation of modern Social Structures, growth and mostly the regional dimension of growth. It was exactly this variety of subjects that created doubts about the future of this effort, which aimed from the beginning in the systematic investigation of many important but also «annoying» subjects, since these required changes in a variety of sectors, (Parliament, Public Administration, Public Enterprises etc.), risking to face big political costs.

The last editorial decade, (the present copy is the 40th) and despite the fact that the writer of the present article does not allocate the Ceras of Amaltheia[2] has, including this review, a lot of successes and hundreds of articles written from important personalities of International Organisms (e.g. U.N., E.U. - Parliament, Commission Council), Presidents and Prime Ministers, Political Leaders, Ministers, Deputies, Members of the Parliament, Prefects, Mayors, Deans, Professors of various Universities, Special Scientists, Businessmen etc. But the writer also has the concern about what should be done mainly in the European domain and with regard to the role of

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2. The Greek tradition with regard to the AMALTHEIA, either as a Nymph, or as goat, are many and vary. AMALTHEIA it is mythological goat, which nursed Zeus, who, having the AMALTHEIAS Ceras accomplished according to the ancient Greeks, acquires anything he desired...

Greece in it, in Public and Local Administration, in Growth and mainly in the Regional Growth, given the altered and precarious international climate and the climate that globalization[3] provokes, especially in the economic activity.

From another point of view, the recognition of the REVIEW OF DECENTRALIZATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, from Universities and Scientific Research, was most likely expected, but simultaneously it exceeded every expectation and this is particularly comforting, given the current context.

But, what kind of development and changes were the subjects that this publication serves submitted to during the last decade?

It is commonly admitted, that the regulations and rules led to the strengthening of the opinion that the Decentralisation of Governmental Administration is on a satisfactory stage, however has not been completed for many reasons.[4]

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3. V. DELITHEOU: Regional Growth and Administation. Institutional Frame. Developmental Programs. Globalisation. Athens, 2002, p.192.

4. Some of the most recent statutes report: N.3242/2004 Regulations for the organisation and operation of Government and the Local Authorities. N.3250/2004 Part-time Employment in the State, in the Local Authorities and in N.P.D.D. N.3274/2004 Organisation and operation of the Local Authorities and of N.A.. P.D.164/2004 Regulations for the workers with conventions of given time in Public Sector N.3260/2004 Regulations of the system of engagements and subjects of Public Administration. N.3320/2005 Pegulations of subjects of Personal State, N.P. of Public Sector and the Local Authorities etc.

This can also be said with certainty concerning all the changes that have already be done in the field of Local Structures (Prefectoral Administration, Local Administration of first degree), despite the fact that are a lot of relative questions to be answered.

What is more, the increase of relative regulations is demanded, but also, the increase of direct foreigner investments, the strengthening of Greek economic presence, either through the State, or through Greek individuals that act beyond the borders of this Country, especially in the Countries of the Balkans etc.[5]

And it is also important to note that based on the official data from the European Statistical Service, during the second quarter of this year, the rate of growth of the Greek economy approached 3,5%, and as a result Greece was placed in the second place of the table of the 25 Countries Members of European Union, at the first place is Lithuania (6,7%), Spain is third (3,4%) and the medium price is (1,2%).

All those took place in the context of some efforts to consolidate the country's role in the team of the E.U. leader countries, especially after the successful Presidency of the E.U., during which the text of the new Constitution[6] was achieved, the adhesion of 10 new

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5. Const. GE. ATHANASSOPOULOS, V. DELITHEOU: The Greek Private Investments in Countries of the Balkans and the Greek Drawing of Economic Reconstruction of the Balkans. Athens, 2005, p.35.

6. Const. GE. ATHANASSOPOULOS: The law of the European Union: The Treaty on the establishment of the Constitution of Europe, Volume B΄. Rome/Athens, October 2004.

Countries of Members was signed etc. (Athens, Thessalonica/Chalkidiki, 2003).

Concerning the question whether or not the scope of this particular publication is achieved, the answer is the following:

Beyond any political expediency during the past decade a lot of innovative regulations that were more or less successful took place, but there is always a vast field for new improvements.

What is more, the changes of the social structures for the best do not include only wise visions of Politics and Governors, but are also component of the Human nature, which always seeks according to the AISCHILOS[7] the best:

«Happiness, success is something that people can't get enough of...».

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7. AISCHILOS (Eleusis 525 b.C., Gela 456 b.C.), the bigger tragic poet of ancient Greece. He composed many masterpieces. Some of his tragedies: IKETIDES, PERSES, SEVEN EPICS THIVAS, PROMITHEFS DESMOTIS, AGAMEMNON, HOIFOROI, EVMENIDES.