

## Navarino Environmental Observatory

### Five-Year Renewal Agreement between Stockholm University, the Academy of Athens and TEMES S.A.

#### Reinforcing Commitment to Climate & Environmental Research and Education

**Athens, 12 November 2024** — The Navarino Environmental Observatory (NEO) is pleased to announce a five-year renewal agreement, solidifying its commitment to pioneering research and education on climate change, and environmental sustainability in the Mediterranean region.

NEO, which operates since 2009 in Costa Navarino, the sustainably driven destination in Messinia, Greece, is a paradigm of an international partnership between the academic community and the private sector. The mission of NEO is to be a source of inspiration, a leader in pioneering research and education, and a point of reference for policy, strategy and management related to the climate and environment of the Mediterranean region. This renewal underscores the success and impact of the research contributions and collaborations from NEO over the past fifteen years, as well as its dedication to advancing knowledge that addresses critical environmental challenges.

The renewal agreement was signed at the Academy of Athens on November 1, 2024, by Professor Astrid Söderbergh Widding, President of Stockholm University; Professor Stamatios Krimigis, President of the Academy of Athens; Professor Christos Zerefos, Secretary-General of the Academy of Athens; and Mr. Achilles V. Constantakopoulos, Chairman of TEMES S.A. Representatives from the three partner organizations overseeing NEO's strategic direction were also in attendance at the event.

Since its establishment, NEO has been a vital research hub, contributing to numerous studies and data collection initiatives that support local, regional and international efforts to combat climate change, preserve biodiversity and associated ecosystem services that benefit societal well-being. NEO also plays an important educational role, hosting workshops, field-based courses and internships that educate and inspire future environmental scientists. Indicative figures include more than 200 published articles in renowned scientific journals and at conferences, 7 PhD and 22 MSc theses completed and more in progress, 35 scientific workshops and 14 popular café-NEO events, and approximately 250 students-visits annually. In addition, NEO counts 11 associated research institutions from Greece, Europe, and USA, it is part of established and emerging Research Infrastructures at European and national levels, and it is actively involved in several EU funded research and educational projects.

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The renewed five-year collaboration between the three parties aims to further advance the Navarino Environmental Observatory's initiatives, highlighting their shared commitment to cutting-edge research and education on climate change and environmental issues in the Mediterranean. By strengthening its research infrastructure, NEO will continue delivering valuable insights into climate resilience, ecosystem management, and sustainable practices that can be applied globally, while promoting stronger cooperation among scientists, businesses, communities, and policymakers.

For more information about the Navarino Environmental Observatory please visit <https://www.navarinoneo.com/> or contact the NEO management representatives below.

