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I am Giorgos Solomonidis, aka Gunman in the LEGO community, and I am the ambassador for the Greek RLUG, thebrick.gr. Our initial scope in creating the LUG was to gather all LEGO fans in the Northern part of Greece, though this has changed since our creation back in 2015. Now our membership is expanding all over Greece.

I was a core member of Gricks RLUG and used to live near Athens, but back in 2014 I was about to move back to my home city of Thessaloniki, and that's when I thought to create a new northern Greece LUG.

The early years were difficult, like every other LUG's beginning I guess. We had only a few members, and were running around to put on events and keep up the pace to grow our community bigger. A big role in this was played by

my friend Giorgos Patelis from the city of Kavala, who I got to know after accepting an invite through BrickLink. Nowadays we are happy to have a stable community, all interacting and helping each other.

Because of the coronavirus situation we have had to stop holding physical exhibitions and have moved our activities online. We now have a Viber group which has had a huge impact in binding the group's members together, and we are sending hundreds of messages to each other every day!

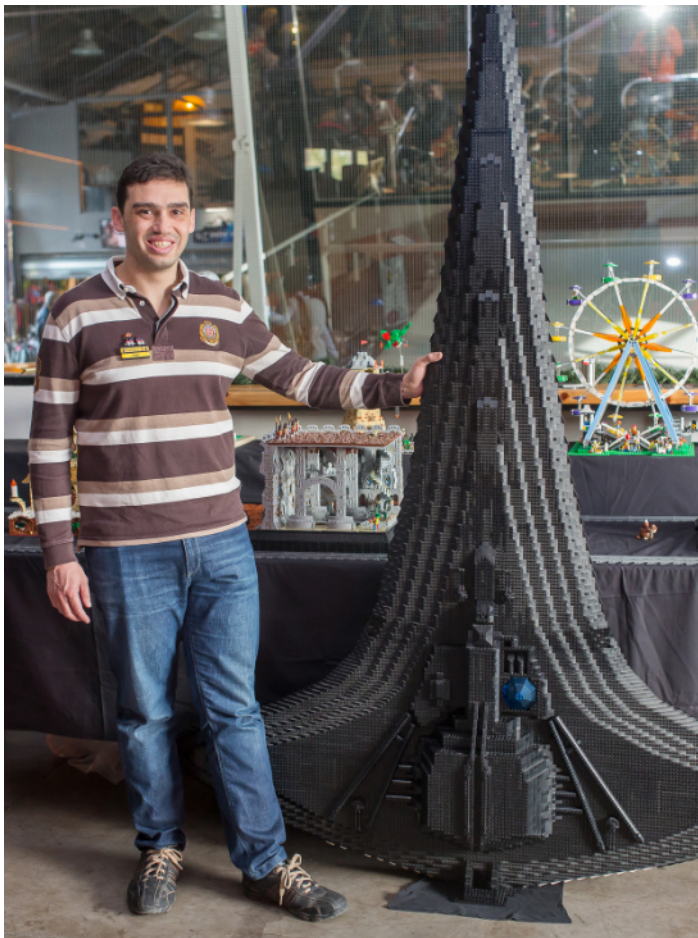
Besides myself there are also two other admins on the forum: Giorgos Patelis from the city of Kavala and Manos Kiaourtzis from the island of Rhodes. These guys have a huge passion for the LEGO hobby, and Manos also works as a LEGO

department manager for a big Greek toy retailer chain-store.

Our hope is to reach a normalised post-Covid period soon, and restart our physical activities and exhibitions with other people, because we are really starting to feel the lack of physical contact and interaction to be honest. We have the honor of being the main LEGO contact/participant RLUG at the biggest geek event in Greece – "THE Comic Con", which has had huge success and growth in recent years (pre-covid, of course) and has featured famous visiting guests like Frank Miller and Don Rosa! We are extremely happy to be part of this feast!

Financially, we have a small but stable amount of money for meeting our basic needs like domain name registration, which comes from the kind donations of our members. Free sets as activity support also play a big role in keeping everyone happy! Last but not least, relations with our local LEGO market office are getting stronger and we will try to get to know each other better. Fingers crossed then for the post-Covid period and hopefully the many events to come!





Facing page counterclockwise from top: From left to right, Thodoris Theodoropoulos, Giorgos Solomonidis, Mariana Georgaki. At Comic Con 5 exhibition, Polychronis Kontopidis, Manos Kiaourtzis. This page top, left to right: Mixalis Mballas, Giorgos Patelis, Kostas Vlachos, Thodoris Theodoropoulos, Giorgos Solomonidis at We Love to Create Exhibition 2018. Middle row: Giorgos Patelis, Kiriakos Mallinis. Bottom row: Nikos Nousis, Evangelos Gagkos.