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In 2013 the Peripato Research Group headed by professor Nikos Fokas has won the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) applications. Then he founded the MTA-ELTE Peripato Comparative Social Dynamics Research Group, that would like to answer the challenge of crisis by choosing as a starting point the comparative analysis of Greece and Hungary.

The Research Group intends to explore the opportunity that a multiple-approach comparative investigation of the situation provoked first by the financial crises of 2008 and then by the huge economic and social crisis in Hungary and Greece can offer researchers of social dynamics. The research focuses on the innovative adaptability of the Hungarian and Greek societies and their resilience in the face of external and internal challenges.

This comparative analysis has a number of research dimensions. Since the crisis has eroded the confidence in political institutions the Research Group investigates the marks of crisis phenomena on voter behaviour. Furthermore, the Research Group intends investigating the role of mass media in the perception of the crisis.