



## ESPA:

### «OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SOCIETY»

#### EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE REGION

Kavala, 16-17 July 2025

## Agenda

Wednesday 16 July 2025

09:30-10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00-11:15 **Welcome – Introductory Remarks**

- **Nikos Papathanasis**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance (online)
- **Vasiliki Pantelopoulou**, Secretary General for ESPA
- **Vasilis Siadimas**, Secretary General for the management of the ERDF, CF and ESF sectoral programmes (online)
- **Christodoulos Topsisidis**, Governor of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region
- **Christos Kirkoglou**, General Director for Strategy, Planning and Implementation of ESPA
- **Panagiotis Pantazatos**, Deputy Head of Unit for Greece and Cyprus, Directorate-General for Regional Policy and Urban Development, European Commission (online)
- **Chistiana Costinescu**, Head of Unit for Greece and Cyprus European Social Fund management and policy analysis, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission (online)
- **Konstantinos-Panagiotis Karalis**, MOU S.A. Chairman (online)
- **Theodoros Mouriadis**, Mayor of Kavala

11:15-12:15 **Panel: ESPA supports society, employment and quality of life**

**Moderator: Christos Kirkoglou**

**General Director for Strategy, Planning and Implementation of ESPA**

- **Nikos Mamalougas**, Managing Authority Director of the Programme «Environment and Climate Change»
- **Andriana Manoli**, Managing Authority Director of the Programme «Human Resources and Social Cohesion»



- **Triantafyllos Delakis**, Head of Planning and Evaluation Unit, Managing Authority of the Regional Programme «Eastern Macedonia and Thrace»
- **Maria Stergidou**, Psychologist, Counseling Support Center for Women Victims of Violence of the Municipality of Kavala
- **Anastasia Tzampazli**, President, Social Welfare Center of the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace

#### Discussion

**12:15-12:45 Coffee break**

**12:45-14:15 Panel: ESPA strengthens innovation and local entrepreneurship**

**Moderator: Julia Kondyli**

**Deputy Director of the Special Service for the Coordination of Regional Programmes**

- **Aggeliki Fetsi**, Managing Authority Director of the Programme «Competitiveness»
- **Sofia Sotiropoulou**, Director of Co-investments and Guarantees, Hellenic Development Bank
- **Giannis Kesanlis**, Officer of the Planning and Evaluation Unit, Managing Authority of the Regional Programme «Eastern Macedonia and Thrace»
- **Christos Partsias**, Project Manager of the Management and Monitoring of Smart Specialization Strategy Mechanism - S3REMTH, Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Regional Development Fund
- **Vasiliki Toutsa**, General Director, VICRE S.A.
- **Konstantinos Matos**, Chief Financial Officer, Marmor Stone Group International

#### Discussion

**14:15-15:30 Panel: ESPA empowers cities and rural areas**

**Moderator: Panagiotis Koudoumakis**

**Managing Authority Director of the Regional Programme «Eastern Macedonia and Thrace»**

- **Charalambos Papadopoulos**, Director of Planning, Development and Digital Services, Municipality of Kavala
- **Aikaterini Iosifidou**, Deputy Head of Planning, Organization and Information Technology Department, Municipality of Drama
- **Efstratios Kontos**, Mayor of Xanthi
- **Dimitrios Gartsonis**, Mayor's Consultant, Municipality of Komotini
- **Ioannis Naitidis**, Deputy Mayor of Sanitation, Technical Works and Urban Planning, Municipality of Alexandroupoli
- **Zisis Papalambidis**, Deputy Mayor of the Directorate of Technical Works, Planning, Development and Information Technology, Municipality of Orestiada



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- **Eleni Koufou**, Officer of the Planning and Evaluation Unit, Managing Authority of the Regional Programme «Eastern Macedonia and Thrace»

#### Discussion

15:30-15:45 Concluding Remarks

15:45-17:00 Lunch



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**Thursday 17 July 2025**

**09:00-09:30 Registration and welcome coffee**

**09:30-10:00 Welcome - Introductions**

- **Vasiliki Pantelopoulou**, Secretary General for ESPA (online)
- **Christodoulos Topsidis**, Governor of the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region
- **Christos Kirkoglou**, General Director for Strategy, Planning and Implementation of ESPA
- **Konstantinos-Panagiotis Karalis**, MOU S.A. Chairman  
«Supporting tools and actions of the MOU for the effective implementation of ESPA»

**10:00-11:30 Speeches – Presentations**

- **Panagiotis Koudoumakis**, Managing Authority Director of the Regional Programme «Eastern Macedonia and Thrace»  
«Beneficiaries’ support priorities in the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region »
- **Elias Kanellopoulos**, Head of the Mountain and Disadvantaged Areas Support Team, MOU Head Office  
«Support actions of MOU in mountainous, island and remote areas. How MOU can support Municipalities»
- **Dimitris Kalamaras**, Head of the Support Team for Vulnerable Population Groups and beneficiaries of the European Social Fund, MOU Head Office  
«Support to beneficiaries of the European Social Fund»
- **Loukas Athanasakis**, Head of Technical Support Team for Environment, MOU Head Office  
«How MOU supports beneficiaries in the environment sector»
- **Elena Boutsikou**, Director of Technical Service of MOU  
«How does the MOU Technical Department work – Examples of supported projects»
- **Mariella Sakellariou**, Director of Administration Services & Human Resources Development, MOU Head Office  
«The role of MOU in beneficiaries training »



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11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:30 Roundtable discussion on "Beneficiaries' support needs in the Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region"

**Moderator: Ioannis Agapitidis**

Deputy General Director of MOU S.A.

- **Theodoros Mouriadis**, Mayor of Kavala
- **Savvas Michailidis**, Mayor of Nestos and Regional Association of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Municipalities President
- **Elefterios Tampouridis**, Mayor of Kato Neurokopi
- **Anastasios Kayiaoglou**, Mayor of Paranesti
- **Athanasios Vitsas**, Mayor of Samothraki
- **Ioannis Garanis**, Mayor of Komotini
- **George Papadopoulos**, Mayor of Drama and Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Waste Management Development Company President
- **Konstantinos Manitsas**, President of DEYA Thasou
- **Parthenios Tzenetidis**, President of DEYA Komotinis

Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch



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