

European Group of Territorial Cooperation Efxini Poli

## EGTCs working on the territory of Greece

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## EGTC Efxini Poli is...

... a European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation composed by Local and Regional Authorities as well as institutions of the academic and local authorities' context, coming from Greece, Cyprus and Bulgaria.

established in August 2012 as an EGTC, but it operates as a Network of Greek Local Authorities since 1995. The organization holds an experience on local development of more than 25 years.

EGTC Efxini Poli aims at supporting its members to attain cohesion and trigger growth by testing and adopting innovative practices identified through territorial cooperation.



## EGTC Efxini Poli in numbers

**36** members from EL | CY | BU

more than **2.500.000** inhabitants

6 current projects & more than 3.000 directly beneficiaries

more than  $\boldsymbol{100}$  projects until now

**9** Employees

Partners from:

BE | EL | LT | PT | BG | ES | LU | RO | CZ | FR | HU | SI | DK | HR | MT | DE | IT | NL | FI | EE | CY | AT | SE | IE | LV | PL | UK | AL | TR | BA | TN | RU



#### OUR MISSION

#### OUR AIM

to facilitate public entities of different Member States to come together under a new legal entity and succeed common objectives.

to promote territorial cooperation (cross-border, transnational and interregional), in view of strengthening the economic and social cohesion of the European Union.



## Axes of our actions

Cooperation aiming at sustainable development, improvement for standard of living and quality of life

Actions of territorial cooperation

Support for Local and Regional authorities

Participation in European projects

Support and promotion of Green and Blue Growth

Promotion of Social Economy and Entrepreneurship

Social activities development aiming at a cohesive society

Cooperation with academic institutes

Exchange of experiences, promotion and transfer of good practices

Support and promotion of culture





Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

**ARISTOIL** - Reinforcement of Mediterranean olive oil sector competitiveness through development and application of innovative production and quality control methodologies related to olive oil health protecting properties (as recognized by EU 432/2012 regulation).

# European Territorial Cooperation Projects (2)





*EduFootprint* aims to raise the capacity of owners and managers of public buildings to **better manage energy**.



**TEESCHOOLS** aims at providing new solutions to Local Authorities both in technical and financial terms to implement Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) renovation activities in Mediterranean Schools





**CONSUME-LESS** Consume Less in Mediterranean Touristic Communities



**TRITON** Development of management Tools and diRectives for immediate protection of blodiversity in coasTal areas affected by sea erOsion and establishment of appropriate eNvironmental control systems







designscapes Design enabled Innovation to Tackle Urban Challenges



The overarching aim of the DESIGNSCAPES project is to exploit the generative potential of urban environments in the highest possible number of European Cities to encourage the uptake and further enhancement and up scaling of Design-enabled Innovations by existing enterprises, start-up companies, public authorities and agencies, and other urban stakeholders.



### How and why we are involved in Interreg project?

Despite the fact that EGTC EFXINI POLI members are diverse with their own social, economic and geographical peculiarities, they are all concerned of some horizontal issues. For example, environmental issues or blue or green growth, are of common interest to many Local Authorities

The results of the projects are disseminated to all EGTC members and can be adopted and adapted according to local needs. The existence of the network create a multiplying effect which is beneficial both for the EGTC's members as receivers of information and knowledge but also for INTERREG too because feedback included in Policy Recommendations come from a larger number of Authorities than the number of partners of the project partnership.

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EGTCs' contribution to the Future of Europe debate





Territorial Cooperation







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## Thank you! Ευχαριστώ!

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