

# Co-Evolve Pilot actions on the territories: pilot areas of Makri-Alexandroupoli and Keramoti-Thassos

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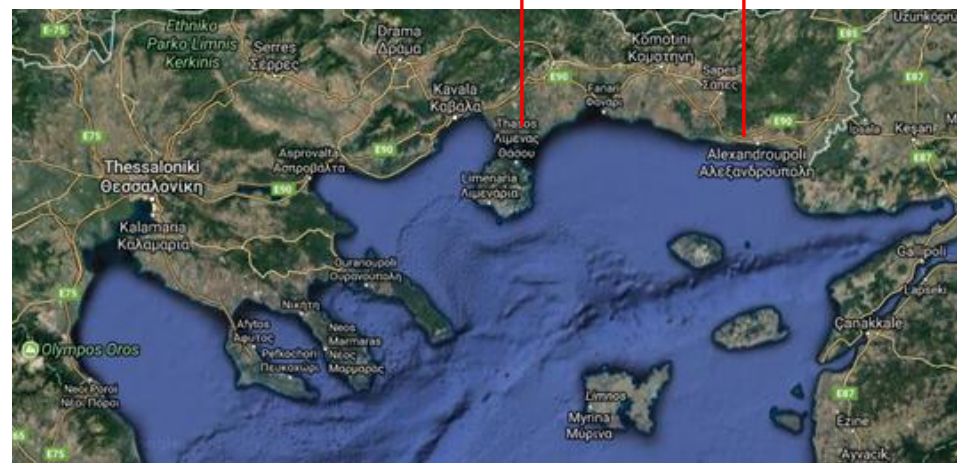
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## I. Introducing REMTH Pilot Areas

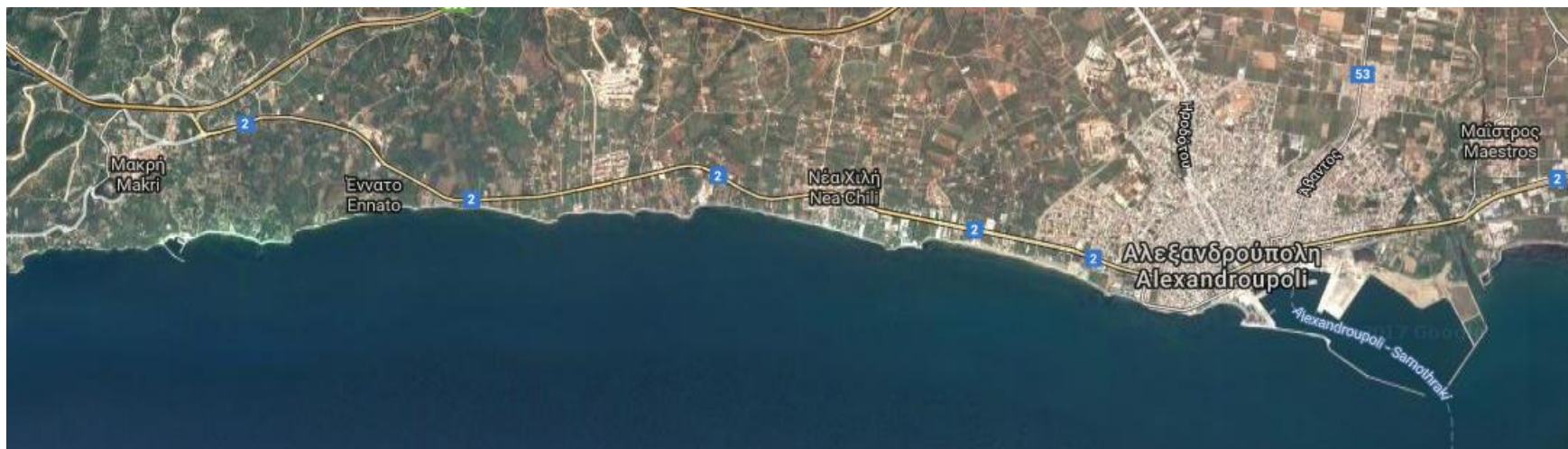


**Pilot Area 1A. Alexandroupoli**

**Pilot Area 1B. Thassos-Keramoti**



## II. Pilot area Alexandroupoli-Makri (1A)



Urban-suburban coastal area with  
potential for sustainable tourism  
development

Next to Natura 2000 site with low  
habitat loss

Accessibility by car, train, airplane,  
ferry connection

Recreational boating prospects

Increasing urban development and  
littoralization pressures from leisure  
activities

Conflicting land uses

Shoreline subjected to erosion from  
Alexandroupoli's port and channel

Lack of coordination and public  
participation processes



## II. Pilot area Alexandroupoli-Makri (1A)

### Actions foreseen and expected results

**Ensuring lasting sustainability of coastal and maritime tourism development in REMTH: Local Action Plan for Alexandroupoli/ Makri area** including small scale studies to address critical local challenges for sustainable tourism development:

- Small scale study on coastal erosion mechanisms and port channel silting-up
- Measures for reducing port channel dredging impacts
- Coastal erosion measures for protecting the urban sea front
- Measures for reducing conflicts between parallel activities/ conflicting land uses
- Actions for promoting sustainable tourism development of the urban sea front (ongoing urban renewal project) → addressing littoralization pressures
- Bridging legal framework gaps



## II. Pilot area Alexandroupoli-Makri (1A)

### Key stakeholders to be involved in the participative process

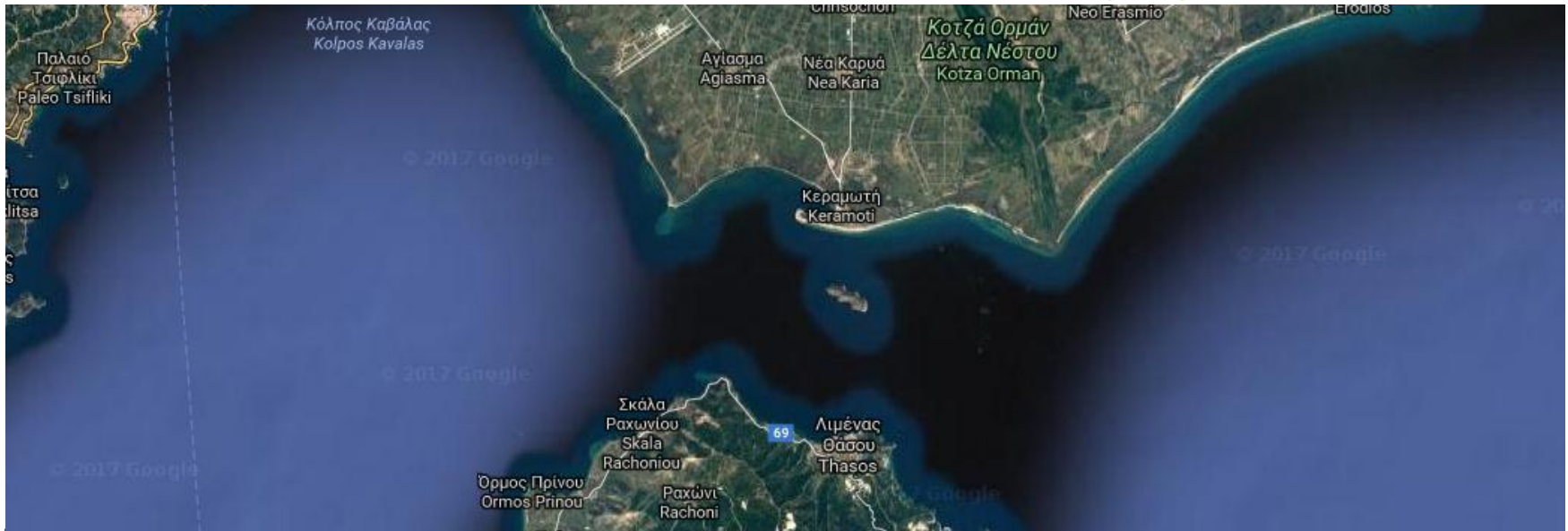
- Municipality of Alexandroupoli
- Port Authority of Alexandroupoli
- National Real Estate Service (local branch)

**Completed:** Work meeting with the Municipality, Port Authority and involved Regional Services (Environment and Spatial Planning, Development Programming, Technical Works and Regional Development Fund) held on 9th February 2017

**Forward: Launching Conference with key stakeholders and local private actors on the activities foreseen in Alexandroupoli-Makri**



### III. Pilot area Thassos-Keramoti (1B)



Inside Natura 2000

Important wetland with Lagoons,  
coastal dunes and nesting areas

Low habitat loss

Non intensive activities

Accessibility by car, airplane, ferry

• Maritime and eco-tourism prospects

Shoreline subjected to erosion

High risk of flooding events

Low accessibility

Conflicting land uses

Lack of coordination and public  
participation processes

### III. Pilot area Thassos-Keramoti (1B)

#### Actions foreseen and expected results

**Ensuring lasting sustainability of coastal and maritime tourism development in REMTH: Local Action Plan for Thassos-Keramoti area** including small scale studies to address critical local challenges for sustainable tourism development:

- Small scale study on coastal erosion and inundation mechanisms
- Measures addressing River delta retreat and sea water intrusion
- Measures for reducing conflicts between parallel activities/ conflicting land uses
- Actions for promoting tourism development inside the Natura 2000 protected area → enhancing eco –tourism activities
- Future planning of eco tourism activities and low impact economic activities (aquaculture, agriculture etc.)



### III. Pilot area Thassos-Keramoti (1B)

#### Key stakeholders to be involved in the participative process

- Municipality of Nestos
- Port Authority of Kavala
- Managing Body of Nestos Delta

**Completed:** Work meeting with the Municipality, Managing Body of Nestos Delta and involved Regional Services (Environment and Spatial Planning, Development Programming, Technical Works and Regional Development Fund) held on 9th February 2017

**Forward: Launching Conference with key stakeholders and local private actors on the activities foreseen in Thassos-Keramoti**





## IV. Institutional challenges to overcome

- Institutional and Legal gaps regarding protection and development of protected areas
- Conflicting legal framework concerning the management of protected areas and tourism development
- Plurality of services/different legal entities that manage activities/planning processes that contribute to sustainable tourism development
- Lack of communication channels between different stakeholders
- Bureaucratic delays and barriers



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