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REGION OF WESTERN GREECE
Full of contrast!

Energy Communities



The Regional Authority of the Region of Western Greece (RWG), inspired by "The EU Covenant of Mayors", contributing to strengthen this project and implement the goals of the above agreement by creating the Energy Communities, a cooperation network of Municipalities and the Region. This is the largest virtual energy offsetting project with a photovoltaic park not only in Greece but also in the whole of Europe.

From 2021, the **7 energy communities of Western Greece** are the partners of the photovoltaic park in the Pilot Polder estate in the area of Messolonghi, with an area of 1,300 acres, forming the great "energy alliance" to deal with the unprecedented energy crisis of our days, drawing the new avenues of development in the wider region guided by and based on energy, and ensure a healthy and sustainable future for the region, aiming to:

- ▶ annual cost reductions of electricity consumed which will result from the installation of the photovoltaic plant
- ▶ liberating farmers from the unbearable energy burden they currently suffer
- ▶ relief from the unaffordable energy costs for Municipalities, Municipal Enterprise for Water Supply and Sewerage and Public Entities of the Region of Western Greece, bringing them an indirect financial benefit, through the reduction of billed energy
- ▶ relief from past debts for Local Vascular Improvement Organizations
- ▶ reduction of the environmental footprint of the electricity consumption of the Regional Bodies of Western Greece.

For this "green project" more than **60 bodies** managed to cooperate, trust each other and ultimately through this create value and influence more than **306,000 residents** from **11 Municipalities**, **139,000 professional farmers** and their families.

This project is not at all easy, but it is a creative move by the people of the self-government who decided to take their destinies into their own hands, creating a huge political legacy from which society itself will benefit.

The initiative of the Region of Western Greece for the establishment of Energy Communities was awarded as the **best initiative for Energy and the Environment in the Local Government** and as one of the best in the country, during the "BRAVO SUSTAINABILITY DIALOGUES & AWARDS 2022".

