## **GREECE\_Profile of the territory of KARDITSA**

Presentation of local communities - resources, problems, needs, social and environmental profiles

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## Demographic, social and economic profile of your territory

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## **Demographic & Social profile**

According to the 2011 census, the municipal unit of Karditsa had a population of 44.002 permanent residents. The area of the regional unit is 2.576 sq.km, with 47% of the area being lowland and 53% of the area being mountainous. It is worth noting that in terms of population distribution, according to the 2011 census, the percentage of the rural population in the prefecture of Karditsa is 53.3% and the percentage of the urban population is 46.7%.

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### **Population**

The permanent population in 2021 amounts to 106.698 persons and appears significantly reduced, by 6 %, compared to the 2011 census (113.544 persons).

Many times the data are not accurate because residents who are not permanent are not correctly enumerated. — FROSSO DIMITRAKOPOULOU

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Population decrease according to the last census in Region Unit of Karditsa

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#### **Family composition**

Small families, usually elderly residents in the villages, not many births

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#### **Abandonment of the countryside**

Concentration of population in the city of Karditsa leaving the periphery (towns and villages) of Karditsa due to unemployment

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### **Immigration and seasonal employment**

There is unemployment but over 2000 seasonal workers come for agricultural work mainly from migrants

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#### Internal and external migration

Mainly the young people who have degrees and knowledge are leaving the countryside to Karditsa and abroad.

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#### **Economic activites**

Lowland and mountainous area with main economic activity in the primary sector and tourism. There are also a small number of cottage industry & craft enterprises.

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#### Local cooperative ecosystem

Strong cooperative ecosystem in the Karditsa territory: Cooperative Bank of Karditsa, ESEK - ESEK, Agricultural partnerships, Agricultural partnerships, Forest village, EOSK

# Socio-cultural, environmental, historic, etc. features of your territory

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#### Main economic sectors

Tourism (hotel business) - livestock farming - agricultural products - local production

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#### **Efforts using new technologies**

New technologies to bring in new residents and jobs

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#### Efforts to encourage young people to return

Expansion of activity sectors for the return of young people to the village and job creation

## Main challenges to improve the quality of life of the residents

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#### **Natural Environment**

Mountains that are not developed, Environmentally friendly tourism. Due to difficult accessibility the territory has not been developed for tourism.

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## Opportunities connected to new forms of tourism

Exploitation of natural resources for soft tourism development (in mountain and plain areas)

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### Missing opportunities for growth

Lack of training on cooperativism

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#### **Lack of Infrastructure**

Lack of strategic planning that takes into account the mountainous and lowland elements of the region. Example of problems encountered in the IANO

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#### **Institutional framework**

It often creates problems because it does not follow developments.

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#### **Attention towards sustainable economic practices**

Raising awareness on the circular economy

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#### Recycling

Agricultural resources and consumables (clothes, furniture, old bicycles, etc.)

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#### **Cooperative system**

New forms of cooperative schemes (joint ventures, etc.)

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### Contribution of agriculture to improve environmental conditions

Information on regenerative agriculture, organic farming in order to reduce the negative impact of agriculture on the environment

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### **Incentives for Education and proper information**

# Social animation activities (civic participation) in your territory

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### Cycling!

The bicycle as a means of transport, sport and tourism

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Citizen's participation in environmental actions such as mountaineering club, ngo's, environmental education centre, environmental and historical museums

## Main environmental challenges in your territory and measures currently being implemented

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#### **Extreme weather events**

No solutions have been provided for proper river management

Environmental challenges: floods, rivers: extreme natural phenomena are not dealt with with the necessary care.

INFRASTRUCTURE and POPULATION EDUCATION are needed.

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#### **Pollution**

Use of chemical pesticides, incorrect equipment and improper procedures for dumping plastic packaging into the environment (meaning: no waste management measures) resulting in contamination and damage to the environment.

These phenomena are not easily dealt with because they have become a habit among older farmers.

EDUCATION, INFORMATION, FINES - they could help.

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