

Mediterritage

Valorisation économique du patrimoine naturel et culturel des montagnes méditerranéennes

SOUS-PROJET « MYCOMED »

**Présentation de la contribution de
La Préfecture de Trikala
Région de Thessalie (Grece)**

1. Présentation générale du territoire/village

Overall presentation of the territory / Village

1.1 Geographic situation

The prefecture Trikala is located in the northwest department of Region Thessaly and his extent amounts 3.383,5 km², which is the 24,1 % of Thessaly and the 2,56% of Greece. According to the inventory 2001 the population of the prefecture amounts 138.047 residents which is the 18,3 % of Thessaly and the 1,3 % of Greece. The prefecture Trikala is constituted from 26 Local Authorities: 23 Municipalities and 3 Extended mountainous Communities.



Vue d'Aspropotamos

The main characteristic of the Geographic situation of the prefecture are mountainous ground, the intense cover from productive forests and the big extents of pasture lands. The prefecture is covered in percentage 83% from mountainous and half mountainous volumes and rest 17% constitutes the total of flat extents. The prefecture can be characterized as eminently agricultural veterinarian. Also there are 3 existing geographic regions which have been included in the Network Natura 2000: a) the region Aspropotamou, b) the region Koziaka and c) region Antihasion and Meteora.

1.2 Demographic situation, 1.3 Economic situation main activities, trends, main problems, solutions under consideration, ongoing projects, ...:

The prefecture of Trikala and the mountainous regions of Trikala are rural with main activity the livestock farming. Despite the developmental efforts by the National and Regional Operational Programs, these regions continue not to provide employment opportunities and the young people and particularly the

women, continue to search jobs to the urban or semi-urban places. The desolation of countryside and the non-balanced intra-regional development constitute a major economic, social and national problem. The recent years, with the prospective of the new CAP and the developments in international trade, the retaining of the population in the rural and remote areas constitutes the main subject for EU. This problem is faced with the creation of employment in non-agricultural activities. This kind of policies have mobilised the rural population resulting in additional incomes for the households but not in new positions of full employment. The basic economic activity of the people of remote areas is agriculture and livestock farming and in order for these economic activities to be developed there should exist policies aiming at the mobilization of the human resources and their encouragement in undertaking initiatives in these particular sectors.

2. Situation du territoire / village par rapport au thème du sous-projet

Situation of the territory / village with regard to the sub-project

There have been no important activities (other projects) before that concern the exploitation of mushrooms. One of the main purpose of this project (MYCOMED) is exchanging experience between mountainous regions of Mediterranean where the culture and the marketing of mushrooms constitute important factor for the viable growth so it is the first step for pilot exploitation of product's as the mushrooms.

In this project (MYCOMED) there have been the following activities:

- a) Kick of meeting in Matera of all the project partners,
- b) signing of the contract between the Municipalities of the territory who will participate in the implementing of the project (MYCOMED),
- c) search for a study with regard to this topic.

3. Les attentes par rapport au sous-projet

Expectations from the sub-project

The reason's why KENAKAP S.A. has participated as partner for the present pilot program is:

- to exchange and acquires of the know-how, exchanging experience between mountainous regions of Mediterranean where the culture and the marketing of mushrooms constitute important factor for the viable growth
- to develop new approaches for the viable growth of mountainous regions via the pilot exploitation of product's as the mushrooms, which have marginal presence in the rural economy of the prefecture.