Western Macedonia and EPICAH project

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Location of our Region

- North-West part of Greece, bordering with the Regions of Central Macedonia, Thessaly & Epirus
- External borders with FYROM and Albania
Some critical Characteristics

- 82% of total surface is **mountainous and semi-mountainous areas** and ... 65% of **country’s surface waters** are in Western Macedonia

- Our Region is the **energy heart** of Greece as here is produced around 50% of electricity energy out of coil
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Main Economic Characteristics

- **Primary Sector**: saffron, apples, cereal, legume
  - **Secondary Sector**: mining activities, fur/leather sector, marble production, food products, wine
  - **Tertiary Sector**: financial & insurance agencies, transport and storage facilities, tourism
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- main responsibilities among others is the implementation of EU programs on behalf of the Region
- is a 100% public body and its board consists mainly of elected regional counselors
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The main objective of our ROP–Investment priority 6.c is to focus on the regional heritage policy with supporting actions on economic & social dimensions, including tourism actions in the cross border areas with Albania & FYROM....
RWM needs to follow alternative development models since it faces many difficulties coming out of the remaining financial crisis, the market globalization & the environmental problems, because of the mining activities of the Greek PPC in the region since 1950.
RWM with the assistance of ERDF & its ROP Managing Authority envisages the improvement of the selected policy instrument along with the project outcomes and will focus on the tourism sector, as a tool for an efficient protection and development of natural & cultural heritage.
Cross border natural & heritage related aspects connected with agrotourism consist increasingly a key factor for sustained economic development for cross border parts of RWM
RWM as the main strategic stakeholder would like to create a specific Regional Plan through the project, as an added value tool for the structural funds she manages related with nature and cultural heritage ...
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