

PRESS RELEASE

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR THE COHESION AND SOLIDARITY IN RURAL AREAS

5th International Partner Meeting

Impacting the young generation

University of Thessaly, Volos - Greece

March 18 - 20, 2019

ENSURE project: partners meet in Volos, Greece!

From 18th to 20th of March 2019, during a three-day program, the University of Thessaly will host the 5th International Partner Meeting, an event financed by the “Europe for Citizens” Programme of the European Union. 13 International participants from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain, will have time to discuss, to interact, to network among each other and share their experiences and opinions on rural development and on topics of EU policies at local level in rural communities.

Experts and academics will share their knowledge about the ways to impact young generation to contribute to the rural development. Topics such as innovative cultivation systems in Horticulture, the greenhouses as a tool for rural development, ongoing challenges for young Agronomists formulating competitive advantages in the labor market, and financial and development tools for young farmers, will feed the table discussion between the ENSURE partners and the students of the University of Thessaly, so as to share the impact of the project and to have the young generation's feedback.

Part of the Event will take the form of a workshop to master the ENSURE final publication and to talk about planning future cooperation among partners.

Partners will also have a chance to visit the Brickworks museum (N. & S. Tsalapatas) in Volos and the village of Makrinitza at Pelion Mountain, including a guided tour at the village and a visit at the facilities of the Environmental Education Center of Makrinitza, after tasting local traditional dishes at a restaurant in Makrinitza. The cultural program also includes a planned visit to the coastal side of Volos and the Archaeological Museum of Volos with a guided tour.

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Tuesday 19th March

Volos, School of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Thessaly

Scientific Conference (open to external participants)

"Impacting the young generation"

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| 09:00-09:15 | Opening speech of the Scientific Conference on behalf of Municipality of Volos,
<i>Thanos Theodorou</i> , Deputy Mayor of Planning, Technical Services, Constructions and Sustainable Development, Municipality of Volos |
| 09:15-09:45 | The greenhouses as a tool for rural development
<i>Constantinos Kittas</i> , Emeritus Professor |
| 09:45-10:15 | Innovative cultivation systems in Horticulture
<i>Georgios Nanos</i> , Professor, UTH |
| 10:15-10:30 | MED-Greenhouses: Green Growth through the capitalisation of innovative Greenhouses
<i>Nikolaos Katsoulas</i> , Associate Professor, UTH |
| 10:30-11:00 | Ongoing challenges for young Agronomists: formulating competitive advantages in the labour market
<i>Georgios Vlontzos</i> , Assistant Professor, UTH |
| 11:00-11:15 | Financial and development tools for young farmers,
<i>Georgios Dimokas</i> , Manager of AFC (Agriculture Farm Consulting)
Webinar: Live broadcast of Scientific Conference |
| 11:15-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-12:15 | Workshop
table discussion with the students of the University of Thessaly |