

**PRESS RELEASE**

**SOLIS project partners' meeting**

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIONS AT LOCAL LEVEL AT THE PLANNING CENTER**

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The **implementation of SOLIS project** was the main topic of discussion between the Municipality of Preveza, the Municipality of Finiq and the University of Ioannina - Department of Early Education within the **meeting** that held online on Friday, March 12, 2021.

The SOLIS project - "Cross border cooperation for energy efficiency using solar energy" is coordinated by the Municipality of Preveza and is implemented within the Interreg IPA CBC Programme "Greece-Albania 2014-2020" and aims to the reduction of energy consumption through the RES utilization and the promotion of a more energy efficient lifestyle, thus promoting sustainable regional development.

During the meeting, **the Mayor of Preveza Mr. Nikos Georgakos** informed the collaborating bodies - Municipality of Finiq and University of Ioannina - that the Municipality of Preveza proceeds intensively to the publishing of an open international tender for the supply and installation of photovoltaic panels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Louros, which is the main project action for the Municipality of Preveza. In addition, he stressed that the Municipality of Preveza has invested significantly at the educational activities for children and teachers that will be implemented in Preveza in collaboration with the University of Ioannina - Department of Early Education. He characteristically said that **"the promotion of a more energy efficient lifestyle in Preveza is a pursuit of strategic importance within the Operational Planning of the Municipality of Preveza for 2021-2027"**.

Respectively, the Mayor of Finiq, Mr. Kitsios, stated that this is an important project and they need it and will give a boost to Finiq, an area with great development potential, but with lack of infrastructure. He stressed that despite the difficulties, they will complete it, informing respectively that in the Municipality of Finiq the tender procedures related to the energy upgrades of municipal buildings will start soon.

Finally, the President of Department of Early Education, Mrs. Katerina Plakitsi and Scientific Manager of the SOLIS project referred to the need to strengthen renewable energy sources and expressed her desire to support the project in order to leave its imprint and be the trigger for future collaborations.

In closing, it must be noted that during the publication of the present press release the Economic Committee of the Municipality of Preveza have already approved the technical specifications and tender documents for the supply and installation of photovoltaic panels at the facilities Wastewater Treatment Plant in Louros.