



Development Agency
of Karditsa S.A.



*A sustainable, pioneering and self-reliant development mechanism,
a reference point for Karditsa's regional development*

Strategy
avka2030

*Competitive, smart,
green and resilient*

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Interconnected

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*Open, with a social identity,
close to citizens*

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Identity

The Development Agency of Karditsa (AN.KA S.A.) was founded in 1989 on the initiative of the Local Union of Municipalities and Communities of Karditsa, in collaboration with the Union of Agricultural Cooperatives.

The legal form of the company is "Development Agency of Local Authorities S.A." as per law 3463/2006.

AN.KA S.A. focuses on «**capacity building**» and «**empowerment**» of the local population, especially of underserved communities, as well as the avoidance of social exclusion.

A key element of the identity of AN.KA S.A. is the implementation of programs and projects for the development both of rural and urban areas, by highlighting and exploiting all forms of resources (natural, human, cultural), prioritizing as a driving force the **local initiative** and **entrepreneurship**.



LEADER/CLLD: Community Led Local Development Strategy at the Regional Unit of Karditsa – Rural Development Program of Greece 2014-2020

Public funds: 10,26 million € co-funded by EAFRD

Local Action Group operation - Animating the local people

Implementation of 67 private investments, of 27 public interest projects and of 5 inter-territorial co-operation projects (Partnership development, Culinary Culture, Wine Tourism, Mountain Sports Competitions, Integration of people of different cultural backgrounds).



2021 & 2022 ESTIA: Accommodation program in the Municipality of Karditsa for applicants of international protection

Housing assistance and supportive services to 2,360 asylum - seekers since 2017, mainly Arabic speakers from Syria, Iraq and French speakers from Central Africa. Accommodation capacity for 460 people in 71 rental houses / apartments

Funding: Ministry of Migration & Asylum

Implementation of integration activities (networking, education, culture, sports, etc.) in collaboration with Local Actors and International Organizations (IOM, UNHCR, DRC etc.)



Operation of the «Entrepreneurship support center for unemployed and disadvantaged citizens of Karditsa's Municipality»

Purpose: The provision of coaching, networking and business start-up services for beneficiaries in the area of Sustainable Urban Development of the Municipality of Karditsa.

Management of the program "Housing and work for the homeless"

Purpose: The support of the independent living of 30 households (for 2 years) as well as training and work reintegration for part of the 44 beneficiaries in total.

Implemented in all 6 Municipalities of the Regional Unit of Karditsa

Funding: Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.



Operation as a Destination Management Organization (DMO) of the Regional Unit of Karditsa

With the participation and funding of the Region of Thessaly, the 6 Municipalities of the Regional Unit of Karditsa, the Karditsa's Chamber of Commerce, the Cooperative Bank of Karditsa and the Holy Metropolis of Thessalotida & Fanarioufersalon.



«Young Entrepreneurs Succeed» Scaling trust-based partnership models to recharge youth entrepreneurship: Supporting underserved communities with innovative entrepreneurship support instruments (TPM-RYE)

Purpose: The implementation of training, coaching and mentoring activities for young persons aged from 18 to 29 (NEETs) who are "Not in Education, Employment, or Training" in order to support their access to the labor market or to entrepreneurship.

Funding: EEA and Norway Grants / Fund for Youth Employment.

Results on a pan-hellenic scale: >900 beneficiaries who were trained, >120 beneficiaries who received coaching services, the establishment of a network of mentors and 15 pairs of mentor - mentee.



ZISECAP «Institutionalized Integrated Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans»

Purpose: The development and implementation of an innovative holistic approach for participatory and integrated actions on sustainable energy and climate.

Funding: Horizon2020.



SHARE SIRA «Expanding Social Orientation & Integration for Newcomers in Rural Areas».

Purpose: The creation of innovative and effective approaches to involve local communities in actions aiming to improve the social orientation of newly arrived refugees and migrants in rural areas across Europe.

Funding: Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).



SEED «Social innovation EcosystEm Development»

Purpose: The promotion of co-operation between public, private and social sector bodies in order to create a National Center for the Development of Social Innovation Capabilities
Funding: Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Social Inclusion of the European Commission.



#WISE «Women: Innovative, Successful, Empowered»

Purpose: The support of entrepreneurship and self-employment of women in crafts & arts through the development of digital skills and key competencies.



INTERGEN European Inter-Generational Support Career Development Initiative

Purpose: The development of training modules for low-skilled unemployed adult learners aged 18-30 & 50+ to facilitate access to the job market.



SKILLeD «Sustainable Skills for Local Developer»

Purpose: The creation of training tools for Local Experts in Sustainable Development.



OBCD «Open Business for Community Development»

Purpose: The development of innovative educational tools and open processes to support the social economy - businesses at a local level through the operation of "Knowledge Triangles".



SENEXIA «Promoting seniors' employment and self-employment»

Purpose: To optimally train older people to overcome age-related accessibility barriers related to employment and entrepreneurship.



Social Economy 4.CEs

Purpose: The creation of a knowledge alliance, seeking to create an enabling environment for the Social Economy to thrive by promoting closer partnerships between higher education institutions active in SE, social economy organizations and enterprises, as well as community stakeholders.



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Within the
company's
initiatives

- ✓ Its operation as an "Incubator" and the support towards collective schemes of Karditsa's Ecosystem of Collaboration.
- ✓ The participation in the strategic development planning of Karditsa and the support of emblematic initiatives driven by the shareholders - organizations.
- ✓ The strengthen of collaborations & networking at local, regional, national and international context.

Participation in
corporate schemes
and networks

Women's Center of Karditsa, Cooperative Bank of Karditsa, Energy Community of Karditsa, Development Organization of Central Greece, Theodoridion Center "Horizons", Municipalities Network of Pindos Region, LEADER Network of Rural Development Agencies etc.

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