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Empowering Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) in Greece

Integrating Non-Mainstream Education and Skills



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Challenges in Greek Agriculture

- Fragmented and ineffective AKIS system
- Need for innovative approaches to education and skill development

94% of farmers have solely
practical experience

(Eurostat 2023, data 2020)



OUR MISSION

We create opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship among youth to support and advance the Greek agrifood sector. We build capacity, expand advisory networks, nurture innovation, support business development, and encourage collaboration and dialogue.

Our priorities relate to the following **13 Sustainable Development Goals**



OUR SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT 2018-2023

(direct/indirect) beneficiaries & professionals involved

29.600 +

€35,7 M

total value created for the Greek economy from both our organization's and its beneficiaries' initiatives (2018 – to date)

leverage effect

x 3,9

in the real economy (for 2022)



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We introduce Non-Mainstream Education Elements

- **Scientists – Farmers**
- Two-way communication
- Local Networks for knowledge transfer
- Farmers' Groups as catalysts



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Implementation

➤ **Train-the-Trainer & Farmer-to-Farmer**

- Institutional training partners and industry experts
- Engage farmers' groups /coops
- Upskill local farmers to become local disseminators



Case 1

QUEEN REARING Transforming the Beekeeping Industry

- Collaboration with the Agricultural University of Athens and industry experts
- Modern practices, optimization of genetic material, ecosystem resilience, collaboration mindset
- 2 National Awards for sustainable practices

22 beekeepers = Queenrearers
Trained **1500+** beekeepers

22 farmers = local coordinators

Disseminate to **>2.000** mastic growers



Case 2

MASTIC GUM TREES Future-Proofing a National Agrifood Treasure

- F2F knowledge transfer in 24 villages
- Collaboration with Aristotle University & Mastic Growers Cooperatives
- Innovation, job creation



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Conclusions and Next Steps

- Empower farmers towards innovation
- F2F approach for scalability
- Local stakeholders to support and participate
- EU to fund such initiatives for regional development







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