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Planning Actions Towards the Implementation of an Alternative Development Vision

Summary

"Development of integrated model ecovillages at Kastritochoria, North Kynouria, Peloponnese, Greece: highlighting and protecting the natural environment and cultural heritage as well as improving economics of the region through the development of innovative social practices focusing on sustainability, prosperity and solidarity."



Map of the Municipality of North Kynouria
Source: el.wikipedia.org

Introduction

possibility of building communities in which the residents act collectively, live and develop all aspects of their lives in terms of solidarity, cooperation and respect for fellow human beings and the environment

Methodology

- ❖ Analysis of secondary data
- ❖ SWOT Analysis
- ❖ resource-based methodological tool of community development

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SWOT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

Countryside
Natural beauty
Large usable area
Away from urban centers
Flora and fauna
Natural elements (forests and rivers)
Local products

WEAKNESSES

Population decline (due to urbanism and aging)
Many lonely elders
Unemployment
Disadvantaged emotions
Unfamiliarity with social and solidarity economy projects

OPPORTUNITIES

Modernization of the production sectors
Alternative ecotourism
Projects based on close kinship and friendship
Non-profit work-cooperation through the emotional connection of residents with the place (the place is a birthplace for most)

THREATS

Demographics problems
Unemployment
Bleak harvest
Natural landscape degradation
Abandonment-indifference
Disappearance of cultural elements

	Kastri	Karatoulas	Mesorahi	Oria	Elatos	Nea Chora	Perdikovrisi
1981	785	100	203	312	178	117	229
1991	661	67	140	254	214	96	164
2001	626	62	121	158	80	65	121
2011	335	30	79	68	56	29	102

Demographic development of Kastritochoria (number of inhabitants per year)

Source: el.wikipedia.org and own processing

Areas of actions

- ❖ natural environment
- ❖ development of the economic and productive potential of the region
- ❖ cultural environment
- ❖ creation of social capital

Potential Results

- ❖ natural environment preservation
- ❖ microclimate improvement
- ❖ energy usage reduction
- ❖ efficient management of water resources
- ❖ strengthen residents' motivation

Conclusions

- ❖ a vision full of challenges
- ❖ an area with many problems but also with many potentials
- ❖ the actions recommended aim to motivate residents
- ❖ nevertheless, the acting subjects are those who should seek for various economies through the development of new identities

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