

Municipality of Aigialeia

Slovenian Rural Network in Aigialeia



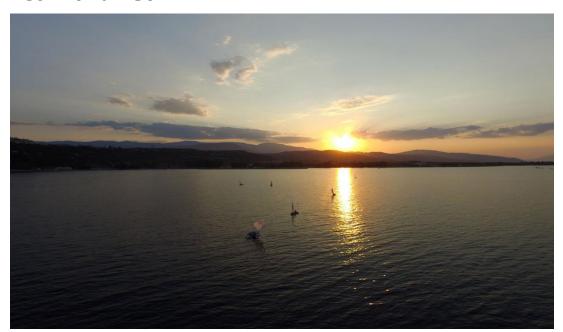
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Discovering Aigialeia

It is a magical, complex place combines sea and mountain.

It is bordered to the north by the Corinthian Gulf, while to the south it is covered by the mountains of Chelmos and Panachaiko, a mountainous area associated with the flows of the Vouraikos, Selinoundas and nine other small rivers.

The seat of the municipality is Aigio, the second largest city of Achaia, also known as the balcony of the Corinthian Gulf.



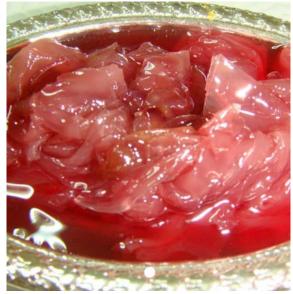


Inhabited continuously since the Neolithic era, the region has a vast cultural heritage that extends to the imposing neoclassical mansions of the 19th century, masterpiece buildings of Ernesto Ziller, as well as traditional, picturesque villages that offer the opportunity to get acquainted with the folk tradition of the place and the agritourism activities of cultivation and harvesting of fruits.



The rich history, the innumerable cultural elements and areas of natural beauty, the unique agro-food products and the many possibilities for the development of various activities, mainly alternative and specialized tourism, as well as the potential of its inhabitants create a composition that fully corresponds to the four axes of the F.A.M.E. Road Project.









Municipality of Aigialeia is implementing a numerous of national and international projects.

This period we are implementing an Interreg Greece —Italy Project called: Food Art Movement Energy: The Road to country experience with thw acronym FAME ROAD. Total Budget 537.758,00 euro.



FAME ROAD

- Is a project in progress that ends at 31-3-2023
- The most important target is the branding of the selected areas
- The main target is to become Aigialeia a touristic destination 365 days per year
- Tools: round tables, dissemination events, contacts with stakeholders, citizens, young artists, producers etc. from every place of Aigialeia



The FAME ROAD project is based on greenroad.it which is a good practice that encourages the development of an ecologically sustainable economy, enhancing the hidden cultural, natural heritage and agri-food values of the region.



http://www.greenroad.it/en/

The 4 pillars of the project are:

- Food,
- Art,
- Movement,
- Energy



FAME ROAD PROJECT



AIMS OF THE PROJECT



The approach is holistic and participatory:

cultural, naturalistic, economic and social aspects are all comprised in the planning and development of the activities of the model.



Local stakeholders:

are invited to participate and join to the processes, including individual citizens and tourists.



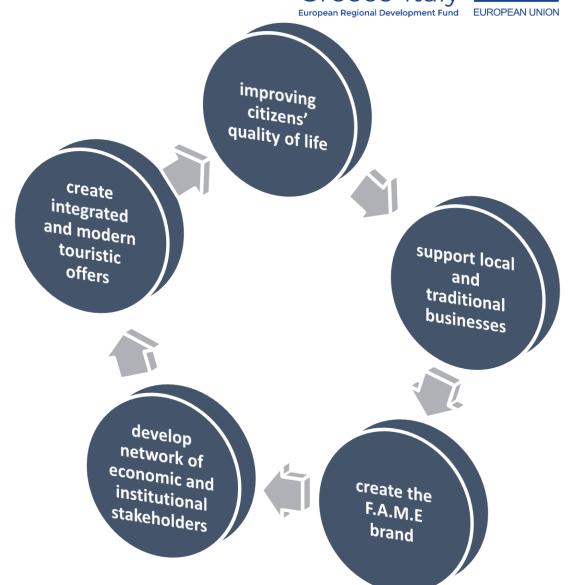
The main objective of the project is to <u>understand</u> and <u>identify</u> the main problems faced today by the local communities and provide them with tools, services, expertise and best practices to overcome those problems and identify solutions based on human centered local value chains creation.



AIMS OF THE PROJECT

In Aigialeia we took into consideration each aim of the project and we tried to design and implement actions based on them.





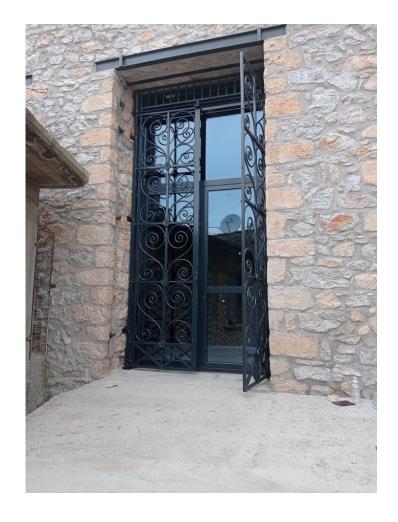
FAME ROAD hub Aigialeia

Will work as a multi-space of information and activities under the pillars "Local agri-food products / cuisine - Art & Culture - Sustainable Mobility - Green Energy". It will be a point of reference for both the project and the local community.

The space will be open:

- To residents and visitors and through the actions and activities that will host it could be a point of interface and interaction
- Enhance the local potential
- Expose natural and cultural resources including
- Art
- Local cuisine
- Local products
- Principles of sustainable mobility, sustainability are the focus of actions.

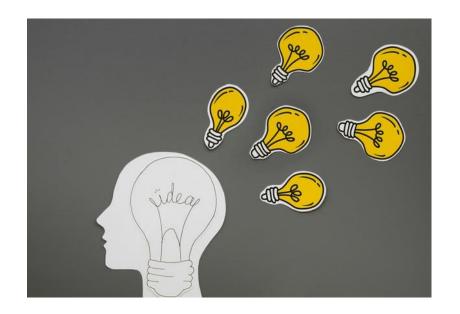






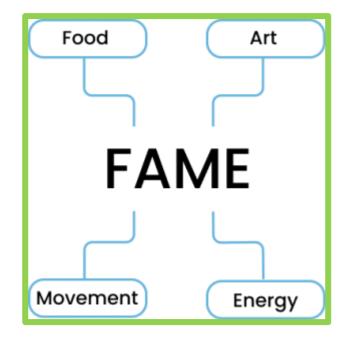
F.A.M.E. ROAD ideas: up to now 20!

- Open call through the official page of the project www.fameroad.eu
- Through the dissemination events
- Radio and tv interviews, press releases
- Appointments with stakeholders, citizens and active members of local community
- Collaboration with ministry of Culture, University of Patras and Athens
- Participate and promote every fresh, clever and important event and idea in Aigialeia
- Every city can be part of FAME ROAD.



- Fame Road is an ongoing project with actions that are still in progress.
- Contacts with the local community are continuous aiming to inform, raise awareness and accept the principles that the project stands for.
- Only if the local community realizes the advantages of its area, organized and expressed, the famous road of rational development will be opened.
- Fame Road is a tool that if succeeds in the pilot areas will be able to be adopted by other areas.
- The municipality of Preveza and Elafonisos are two municipalities in Greece that signed the manifesto of the program and accepts to be trained in order to apply the fame model in its own area.







CLLD/LEADER interventions for the sustainable tourism development of the region



















CLLD/LEADER ΑΛΙΕΙΑΣ (ΕΠΑλΘ 2014-2020) Aigialeia

Within the framework of the Operational Program for Fisheries and the Sea 2014-2020 (EFP), with co-financing from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the following are implemented:

<u>SMALL PUBLIC INTERVENTIONS:</u> to encourage tourist activity and improve the quality of life in the coastal areas of Achaia

- Mild interventions for the tourism upgrade, monitoring and promotion of the biodiversity of the Alyki Lagoon (Natura 2000 site) in Aigio. (Budget: 152.201,20 euro).
- Square and sports area in Temeni Aigiou (Budget: 250.000,00 euro).
- Total budget: 402.201,20 €

<u>PRIVATE INVESTMENTS:</u> Thirteen (13) projects concerning the establishment and modernization of small accommodation and catering infrastructures, as well as the modernization of a craft business manufacturing pleasure boats

<u>Partnerships between Local Action Groups –</u> LAGs aimed at developing cooperation and networking between regions















INDICATIVE PROJECTS



























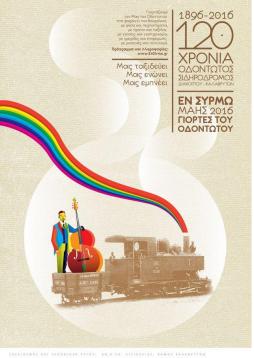






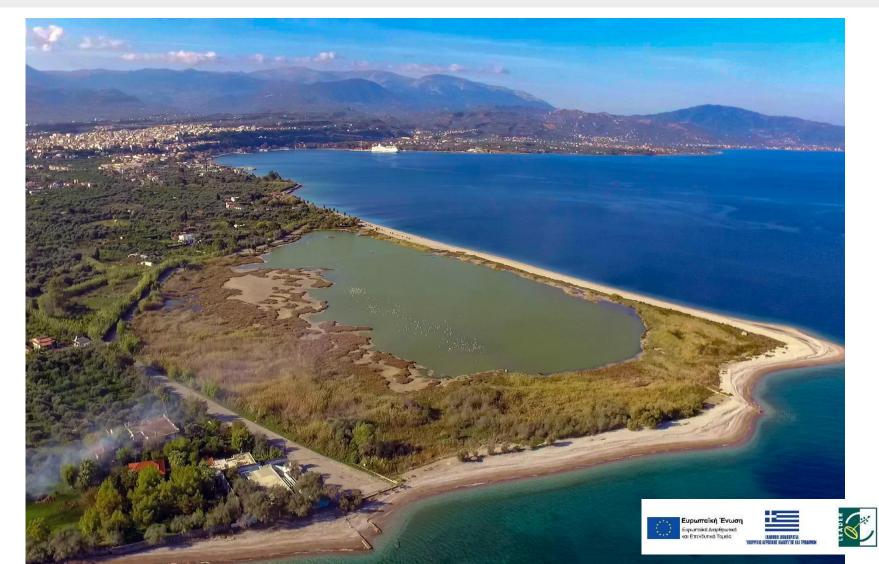








Mild interventions for the tourism upgrade, monitoring and promotion of the biodiversity of Alyki Aigiou Lagoon of Municipality of Aigialeia (Natura 2000/ GR 2320006) through the LEADER FISHERIES & SEA 2014-2020 Program"









- Despite its small size, Alyki gathers all the main characteristics of a typical wetland.
- The University of Patras carries out field work with the undergraduate students of the Department Biology.
- The reedbeds and wetlands are in good condition and from an ornithological point of view they are very important as they provide refuge for migratory birds 209 different species of birds, 9 different species of reptiles and 2 species of aquatic macroplants have been recorded.
- These species are protected, by various treaties such as Bern, by presidential decree 67/1981.













► It is located 2 Km east of the city of Aigio (N: 22°06′, E: 38°15′) in the Gulf of Corinth.

► It is triangular in shape and is located on Cape Gyftissa

► It is a small closed lagoon fed by rainwater, while a large part of

it dries up in the summer

Area: 2 ha

▶Perimeter 3.2 Km

► Salinity: 30.5-50‰

Depth: 0.1-0.5m

Natura 2000 network with code GR 2320006





Vegetation

The lagoon is surrounded by reedbeds and halophytic vegetation. Close to the reed zone, clumps of *Scirpus maritimus* are observed mainly on the north and north-west sides. In the southern most part, a narrow zone of *Phragmites australis* and *Arundo donax* grows between the lagoon and the road that separates the wetland from the neighboring cultivated areas. Flats and wet meadows with Juncus acutus, J. maritimus, Limonium vulgare, L. angustifolium sl., Arthrocnemum fruticosum, Inula crithmoides, Aster tripolium, etc. they grow mainly on the northern and eastern sides of the lagoon.















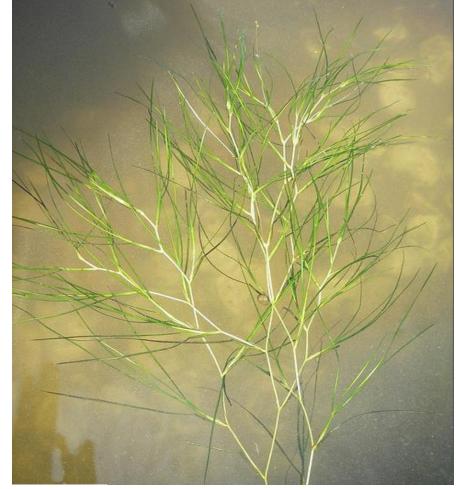




Aquatic Vegetation

The aquatic vegetation consists of aquatic macrophyte species that are submerged and cover a large area of the water surface of the site (more than 2/5 of it) and consists mainly of *Lamprothamnium papulos*um (VU species) and *Ruppia cirrhosa*.

















Fauna

209 bird species most of them characterized as endangered















































Current situation















Interventions

Group A: Marking

Four (4) types of signage will be placed on the interpretation route that will be created in the Alyki lagoon: 1. Information Signs, 2. Directional Signs, 3. Interpretation Signs, 4. Ratios

Group B: Wooden urban equipment

Bird Observatory, 2. Ground viewing observatory with wooden floor, 3. Wooden fencing, 4. Wooden walkway, 5. Wooden bench, 6. Metal wall bins with wooden lining.

Group C: Visual observation systems of natural environment

1. telescopies, 2. Binoculars, 3. photographic tripod, 4. wireless camera

Group D: Systems for automatic monitoring of physicochemical parameters
Installation of an automatic telemetric station for monitoring physicochemical parameters

Group E: Printed and electronic material

Booklet/ Field guide in Greek and English

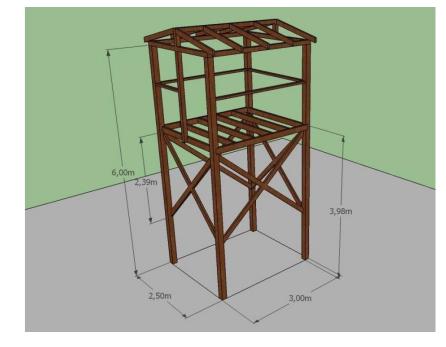














The aim of the interventions are: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LULrMizyPU

- not to lead to a burden on the protected elements of the natural environment, but in the monitoring, protection and its emergence.
- through the Leader Program the main point is to highlight the coastal front of Aigio including a route of a 3 kms length, where the visitor can enjoy the pilgrimage of the Virgin Mary Trypity, the commercial port, the old raisin warehouses, the 12 Vryses and Plane tree of Pausanias, the old railway station and be driven in a few minutes to wetland of Alyki.
- for the first time Alyki Aigiou will be able to acquire state-ofthe-art equipment to monitor biotic and abiotic parameters and will have time series data that will allow the scientific staff to draw safe conclusions about the quality status lagoon.
- these actions will help to create a network cooperation with Universities, institutions, organizations, etc and highlight the ecological and scientific value of the ecosystem.

















THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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