

## II Mission Report Sifnos (GREECE) 20-24 September 2022

### PROJECT DETAILS

Project name: Local Social Green Resilience Action Plans for small and peripheral territories

Project acronym: GRAPE

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

The project GRAPE, *Local Social Green Action Plan for small and peripheral territories*, develops in 18 months, from May 2022 to October 2023. It involves 4 small Municipalities throughout Europe, Malegno (IT), Mirabella Imbaccari (IT), Bonares (ES), Sifnos (EL), supported by 4 social economy actors, Sol.Co Camunia (Malegno), Fondazione di Comunità di Messina (Mirabella Imbaccari), COOPINTE (Bonares), Wind of Renewal (Sifnos) and two networks, FAECTA and REVES. Such Consortium is led by Fondazione di Comunità di Messina. The project aims at identifying and promoting resilient strategies to tackle economic, energetic, climatic and health crises at a local level and pave the way to a sustainable and fair green and digital transition, developing local solutions to local needs. In this context, Social and Solidarity-based Economy contribute to the “territorial resilience” through the experimentation of innovative solidarity-based solutions mobilising local stakeholders to cooperate and use their resources to adapt to challenges they are facing.

The project has three different phases: in the first phase, the Social Economy Missions (SEM), the consortium will visit 3 partner communities (Mirabella Imbaccari, Sifnos, Bonares) and use peer learning and case study methodologies to develop the conditions of cooperation between partners and territories.

The second phase, then, will involve all partners to build local social green resilience action plans in the 4 territories integrating the cooperation inputs from the SEM, the TSR methodology in order to involve all local SSE and structured civil society.

The third phase of the project is the co-construction of a European digital toolkit for small municipalities interested in the cooperation with SSE/CSA to develop together participative local action plans for social green and digital transition to boost territorial resilience.

### MISSION DETAILS

Location: Sifnos, Italy

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

Partner participants:

<i>PARTNER</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>ROLE</i>
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Municipality of Mirabella Imbaccari	David Granato	Deputy Mayor
Solco Camunia	Gio Lodovico Baglioni	Project Manager
Municipality of Malegno	Valentina Ballerini	Volunteer
	Simona Canossi	Cultural and Social Office

Wind Of Renewal	Nikos Chrysogelos	Director
	Apostolos Ioakimidis	Legal expert
Municipality of Sifnos	Nikos Chrysinis	Chairman of the city council
COOPINTE	Francisca Martín	General Manager
Municipality of Bonares	Juan Antonio García	Mayor
	Eusebio Avilés	Deputy Mayor
FAECTA	Ismael Medina Claros	CTO
REVES	Luigi Martignetti	Secretary General
	Erdmuthe Klaer	Deputy Secretary General
	Elisa Mancinelli	Project Manager

### MISSION OBJECTIVES

The Mission to Sifnos has been the second Mission of the project. The specific objectives, building on what was achieved during the first Mission, were:

- Get to know the specificities and best practices in the community of Sifnos.
- Deeper sharing of best practices/projects among partners, focusing on the priority sectors identified during the Mission to Mirabella.
- Moving forward with the LSGRAP planning.

### MISSION PREPARATORY ACTIONS

To facilitate the debate and the efficient use of the available time during the mission, each local partnership was requested to fill in advance a template describing more into details those local initiatives specifically targeting the main three priorities emerged during the Mission to Mirabella:

1. Protection and promotion of local culture: how to valorise local cultural heritage to enhance higher social cohesion and sustain community local development;
2. Efficient and sustainable use of resources: how to preserve and manage resources (water, soil, energy, etc.) in a sustainable way for local development;
3. Healthy and ecologically sustainable agro-food system: how to develop a sustainable agro-food productive sector.

The fourth pillar emerged during the Mission to Mirabella, concerning a “fair and just” transition, has been considered as a cross-theme, since each priority needs to take into account social aspects. Also in this concern, the involvement of social economy in the Action Plans, as expected in the project, will provide a significant support.

The fields of the template used to describe each initiative were the following:

- INITIATIVE TITLE
- PRIORITY
- ORGANISATION FILLING THE TABLE
- BENEFICIARY (who are the target groups of the initiative?)
- NEEDS' ANALYSIS (why was the initiative launched? What were the needs of the target group?)
- SOLUTION (how is the initiative addressing the needs of the target group, offering an effective solution?)
- ORIGINATION (who and how launched the initiative?)
- COMPETENCES (what are the competences needed to launch and manage the initiative? Did the community have all the competences required?)
- NETWORKING (is the initiative based on a networking engaging several actors? Who are the main actors engaged?)

- SOCIAL ECONOMY (what is the role, if any, of social economy organisations in the launch and management of the initiative?)
- DIMENSION (what was the dimension of the initiative? How many beneficiaries have been involved? Was it at local/ regional/ national level?)
- PARTICIPATORY PROCESS (did the initiative create the conditions for the participation/engagement of the target group? What was the level of engagement (need assessment, suggestions, explanation and dissemination, etc)? How was it managed?)
- CO-CONSTRUCTION OF THE INITIATIVE (In the participatory process, did the initiative involved the target group in its co-construction? How?)
- DEMOCRATIC OWNERSHIP AND MANGEMENT (who is owning/managing the initiative? How are decision taken?)
- INNOVATION (is the initiative offering innovative solutions in terms of objectives, processes and results? How?)
- SOURCE OF FUNDING (Description of the funding process to implement the initiative and actors engaged)
- DISSEMINATION (how was the initiative disseminated? At which level?)
- CONTINUITY (is the initiative sustainable in the long run?)
- TRANSFERABILITY (could the initiative be replicated in different context? What are the constraints?)

A total of 20 initiatives (attached) has been collected and shared.

## MISSION AGENDA

**20/09**            Arrival in Athens

### **21/09**

09.00 - 11.30    Boat trip from Athens to Sifnos

11.30 - 14.30    Check-in at the hotel and lunch

14.30 – 18.00    1-to-1 communities' meetings:

- Session 1: SINFOS-MIRABELLA; MALEGNO-BONARES
- Session 2: SIFNOS-BONARES; MIRABELLA-MALEGNO
- Session 3: SIFNOS-MALEGNO; MIRABELLA-BONARES

18.00 – 20.00    Open conference on sustainable management of natural resources, with local initiatives

### **22/09**

09.00 – 13.30    Brainstorming on LSGRAP actions and structure

13.30 – 15.00    LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 17.00    Brainstorming on LSGRAP actions and structure

20.30            Visit to the Cycladic Gastronomy Festival (tour and DINNER)

**23/09**

- 09.00 – 10.00 Steering Committee
- 10.00 – 15.00 Visit to Faros, 1-to-1 communities' meetings (second session) and final wrap-up
- 18.10 – 20.40 Boat trip from Sifnos to Athens

## **NARRATIVE REPORTING**

In the first day:

- The 1-to-1 communities' meetings have been organised to allow each local partnership to meet individually each one of the other communities, in order to allow an in-depth analysis of the individual initiatives implemented in the territories (elaborated through the preparatory activities), to see what could be replicable in other contexts. The goal was to allow for a deeper knowledge of the partners and their experiences, compared to the first introductory meetings had in the mission in Mirabella. Each partner has been able to focus on its own needs and learn from other communities.
- The open workshop on sustainable management of natural resources was attended by a number of local stakeholders from Sifnos (about 20), including representatives of the local municipality, who presented local experiences in managing the island's natural and historical assets. Specific presentations were dedicated to the ancient dry-stone walls, essential for soil conservation; the cisterns for water collection and management; wetland preservation; the archaeological heritage promotion. Such issues were widely shared by other project communities facing similar needs.

In the second day:

- The whole day has been dedicated to a brainstorming on the process towards the drafting of a local strategic plan, analysing the following steps:
  1. Defining the 'benchmark' (what in theory could be achieved)
  2. Identifying the demands of local inhabitants (stakeholders)
  3. Definition of a consolidated benchmark (by combining the previous two passages)
  4. Participatory definition of local actions to be carried out
  5. Drafting of a local strategic plan

All partners have provided their inputs on what could or should be done locally to complete each step. Such first brainstorming will be fundamental for the next preparatory actions to the last mission to Bonares.

- In the evening partners had the chance to visit the Cycladic Gastronomy Festival, an example of promotion of traditional food and culture, a fundamental asset for the local community.

In the third day:

- A Steering Committee was held to recap the activities done and the next steps, including a monitoring of financial reporting and communication actions. A specific focus was dedicated to the organisation of the final mission to Bonares.
- Then the partnership visited the village of Faros to see some of the experiences described during the open workshop held in the first day: the dry-stone walls, the cisterns for water collection and the historical heritage. During the visit, additional 1-to-1 meetings took place among the participating

communities, to strengthen cooperation opportunities. A final wrap-up of the results was done before concluding the Mission.

## **ANNEXES**

- Steering Committee presentation
- Partners' detailed forms on local initiatives
- Slide on process for LSGRAP drafting
- Pictures of the mission