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network of inclusive towns*

Municipality of Katerini, Greece

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The participants at the kick-off  
and in the project as a whole



## Municipality of Katerini

The town of **Katerini**  
is the capital of  
the **Pieria** Regional Unit  
of **Central Makedonia**,  
in the north of **Greece**.





## Our organisation

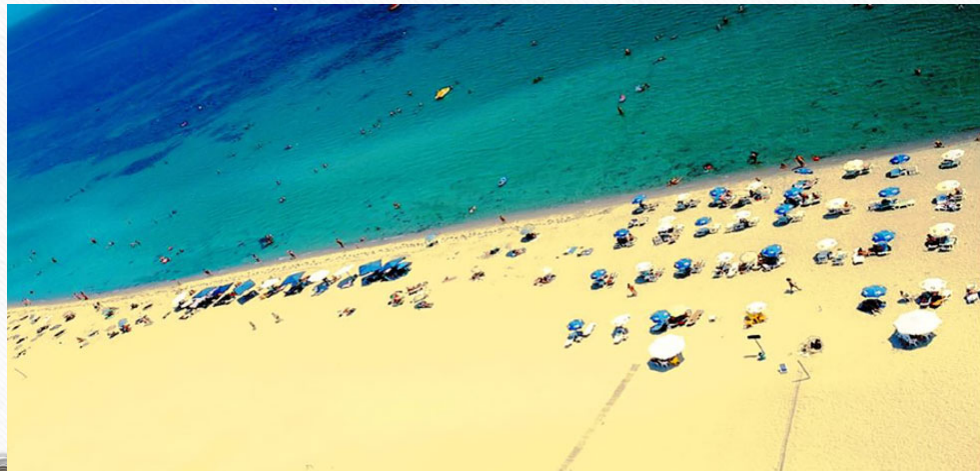


## Profile of Katerini:

- **The town of Katerini:**
  - one of the newest in Greece, with a population of 58.309\*
- **The Municipality of Katerini:**
  - is the largest municipality of the Pieria Regional Unit
  - was formed at the 2011 local government reform by the merger of 6 former municipalities
  - consists of a population of 85.851\*
  - is the administrative and economic center of Pieria
- **Web site:** [www.katerini.gr](http://www.katerini.gr)

\*according to the 2011 census





## Profile of the Municipality of Katerini:

- Popular **touristic destination**, due to:
  - Its proximity to the **sea** and to important **archeological sites** (the ancient city of **Dion**, the **Castle of Platamon** etc)
  - Its proximity to **Mount Olympus** (around 20 km from the centre of Katerini)
- Accessible from the main Thessaloniki-Athens highway GR-1/E75 and the Egnatia highway to the north.
- Is served by both Intercity and suburban trains on the main north to south railroad of Greece.
- Near the city of **Thessaloniki**, Greece's second largest city.



- **Profile of the Municipality of Katerini:**

- Has special units and municipal enterprises that support poverty, social inclusion and immigrants such as:
  - The Organization of Education, Culture, Sports and Social Provision
  - The Municipal Enterprise of Public Benefit
- Has implemented several projects related to social support, social infrastructures, environment, rural development, culture, etc



## Our organisation



The Municipality of Katerini has coped with refugee and immigration crisis three times during its history

- **1922-1928** : Refugees from the former Ottoman Empire during the population exchange. Most of them had Greek Origin and were Orthodox Christians
- **90's Decade** : Immigrants from Albania, former Yugoslavia and expatriate Greeks from Russia and Georgia
- **2014-present day**: Syrian and more middle-eastern Refugees.

## Our organisation



## Our role and our experience through the Refugee Crisis

- Implementing the camps construction and support project
  - In collaboration with the army we constructed the infrastructure of the new camps
  - Organized, directed and supported the implementation of activities in the camp (e.g. Doctors, Volunteers, Transportation)
  - Close cooperation with the Partners and Stakeholders (Army, Ministry, Municipality & NGOs) and Beneficiaries through organized meetings with representatives of each part



## Migration in our country: current situation



## Main data about migration in Greece:

### Permanent population:

- Europe (inside EU): 199.121 (1,8%), main: Romania = 46.524
- Europe (outside EU): 530.244 (4,9%), main: Albania = 480.851
- Africa: 25.850 (0,24%), main: Egypt = 10.455
- Asia: 138.274 (1,3%), main: Pakistan = 34.178, Georgia = 22.407
- North America: 7.248 (0,07%)
- Rest America: 2.564 (0,023%)
- Oceania: 1.994 (0,02%)
- N/A: 6.705 (0,062%)

**Total 9,2% of the total population**

*according to the 2011 census*



## Migration in our country: current situation



## Main data about asylum seekers in Greece:

(according to Ministry of Refugee Policy)

### Annual rise:

- 2013: 4.814
- 2014: 9.431
- 2015: 13.195
- 2016: 51.092
- 2017 (31/03/2017): 16.870

### Gender:

- Men: 67,5%
- Women: 32,5%

### Unaccompanied children:

- 4.090 (4,3%)

### Countries of origin:

- Syria: 38,4%
- Afghanistan: 11,5%
- Pakistan: 11,5%
- Iraq: 8,3%
- Albania: 3,9%

## Migration in our Municipality: current situation



## Main data about migration in Katerini:

With a capital city of more than 58.000 citizens, the Municipality accommodates currently around 300 refugees (having reached max of 1700) within their administrative limits. Katerini has also an important number of migrants having lived in the city for years that could also create another focus, around 3600 people are in this category.



## The legal framework of immigration in our country

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- **Law 4251/2014: Code of immigration and social inclusion**
- **Part A:** Border Crossing and residence within Greek territory
- **Part B:** Residence permits in the framework of European Legislation
  - EC Directives: (2004/114/EU, 2004/81/EU, 2005/71/EU, 2003/86/EU, 2003/109/EU, 2011/51/EU, 2009/50/EU)
- **Part C:** Social Inclusion-organizational subjects
- Part C of the Law 4251/2014 relates anti-discrimination (based on the national constitution) to the national strategy of social inclusion and the relevant integration action plan.

## The legal framework of immigration in our country

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- Law 4375/2016: Asylum Service, Appeals Authority, Reception and Identification Services, Establishment of a General Secretariat of Reception
- Harmonization of the Greek Legislation to the provisions Of Directive 2013/32 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on common Procedures for the granting and revocation of the Holder of international protection (recast) (L 180 / 29.6.2013).



## Anti-discrimination strategy



- **Law 4443/2016:** Integration of Directive 2000/43/EU for the implementation of the principle of equal treatment of persons irrespective of their racial or ethnic origin, of Directive 2000/78/EC on the general framework for equal treatment in the employment and work and Directive 2014/54/EU on measures facilitating the exercise of workers' rights in the framework of the freedom of movement for workers.

## Anti-discrimination strategy



- **Institutions in charge:**
  - Greek Ombudsman
  - General Secretariat of Transparency and Human Rights- Ministry of Justice
  - Departments of Social Protection and Social Inclusion- Ministry of Labour
  - Observatory of Combating Discrimination
- **Main initiatives to contrast and prevent racial discrimination in our country:**
  - National Strategy (Ministry of Interior) on the inclusion of third countries' citizens
  - Regional Strategy or promotion of social inclusion, poverty fighting and every discrimination form (Region of Central Macedonia)
  - Local Actions, involving municipalities, citizens, non-profit organisations based locally, more action less strategy!



## Current situation of racial discrimination



Until recently, Greece was a friendly to foreigners country, whose social life had no tendencies of xenophobia and racism.

Several migratory streams have taken place up to 2010, only with isolated discrimination incidents.

**Situation changed last years** with the huge migrants streams (mainly from Syria) that created an alert all over Europe.

Xenophobia and nationalism has started to raise, but based on a mixture of social and, mainly, economic factors, born by the severe financial crisis and instability of the country.



Any thing else we should know  
about your Country?

### The outburst of the refugee crisis in Greece

- Arrivals in 2015: 856,723 PoCs
- 57% Syrians-24% Afghani-9% Iraqi-10% other countries
- The borders in Eidomeni closed in November 2015





Any thing else we should know about  
your Municipality?

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When the crisis reached the  
Municipality of Katerini

- Arrivals from Eidomeni
- The first contact in Nea Chrani



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### The middtime

- 4 Camps-Petra-Nea Chrani-Kato Milia-Nireas Camping
- Peak of Population: 1300-400-400-400
- Total 2500 PoCs
- 200 in Hotels





Any thing else we should know about  
your Municipality?

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### The situation today

- Pics of the new settlement
- 85 habitable containers
- 20 administrative and communal containers
- Maximum capacity 550 PoCs



## Any thing else we should know about your Municipality?

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- Urban Housing
  - 70 appartments rented in Katerini City accomodating almost 300 PoCs
- Integration is better this way







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- Thank you very much for your attention!!!