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PRESPEES - Δήμος Πρεσπών



N 40° 45' 49"
E 21° 08' 29"



1 560 inhabitants



504 km²



Greece

Located in the north-west of Greece, the municipality of Prespes is on the border of Greece, Albania and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, about 50 kilometers from the cities of Florina and Kastoria. Prespes is one of the municipalities with the lowest population density in Greece due to its vast territory. The economy of Prespes is mainly based on agriculture (bean plantations), farming (goats, cows and pigs), forestry and fishing. Signatory of the Covenant of Mayors in 2018, Prespes intends to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 40% by 2030.

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At the crossroads of sustainability

Prespes is the first trans-boundary protected area in the Balkans (since 2000). In 2017, the Greek Parliament ratified the International Agreement for the Protection and Sustainable Development of Prespa Park. The municipality remains a strong leader of sustainable development today, especially through the development of energy transition projects.

Prespes and Europe

The municipality is very active at European level and is currently involved in two European projects:

- ISABEL which aims to promote local waste-based biogas production and consumption systems adopting an inclusive approach with local governance model
- FINERPOL (Financial Instruments for Energy Retrofit Policies) aims to increase the renovation rate of buildings to improve their energy efficiency by improving access to investment and finance for energy projects

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The municipality is already preparing for the future by investing in the energy transition. Tourism is an important source of income for the territory and Prespes is committed to promoting sustainable tourism, both to preserve its remarkable environment and to convey a brand image.

Efficiency and renewables

Besides solar energy, abundant in the Mediterranean countries, Prespes develops wind power. The Anemos Makedonia wind farm (2011) has 34 turbines installed for a capacity of 28.9 MW.

To address energy efficiency challenges, Prespes is developing the PEEBE project. The project aims at promoting energy efficiency in buildings and environmental protection. It is a cross-border project with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia facing the same challenges. www.peebpe.eu

AN INTEGRATED AND INCLUSIVE VISION OF THE TRANSITION

The energy transition and sustainable development are the common thread of Prespes' local policies. The transition even became an argument for tourism with the Green Boats, which operate on solar energy to lower the impact of touristic tours.