

REGIONAL

## MONITORING THE SDGs IN THE EU REGIONS FILLING THE DATA GAPS

**REGIONS2030 PILOT PROJECT** 

# **REGION OF WESTERN MACEDONIA**

AGENDA

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# A FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVING SDGS TOWARDS 2030 – WESTERN MACEDONIA LEADS THE WAY REGIONAL EVENT OF WESTERN MACEDONIA

AMPHITHEATRE OF UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MACEDONIA, KOZANI

06 JULY 2023



### CONCEPT NOTE

The event is organised in the framework of the "<u>REGIONS2030: Monitoring the SDGs in the</u> <u>EU regions - Filling the data gaps</u>", funded by the European Parliament and developed in collaboration with DG REGIO and ESTAT. It is one of the 10 regional events organised in the framework of the project. The event is co-organised by the Western Macedonia and the Joint Research Centre.

The objective of this event is to raise awareness in the Western Macedonia Region on the SDGs framework towards 2030, as well as on the relevance of monitoring SDG-related data to inform, design and support evidence-based public policies. The event will discuss the vision and development path of the Region for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the opportunities related to EU funding and policies, and discuss the monitoring of SDGs at national level, in Western Macedonia Region and in other Greek Regions. A specific focus will be put on the role of local stakeholders, as well as on the opportunities of cooperation among actors.

The results of the regional activities will be presented in the final event of the REGIONS2030 project on 5 December 2023, in Brussels.

#### General information

The event will take place in Greek and it will be live streamed. Interested participants will find information on the live streaming <u>here</u>.

Timing in the Agenda is indicated in local time (EET - UTC+3).

## AGENDA

## **MORNING SESSION**

Moderated by Sokratis Moutidis, Xronos Kozanis (member of UN SDG Media Compact)

| 09.30 – 09.45 | Registration   |
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| 09.45 – 10.30 | Greetings  |
|               | Mr. Giorgos Kasapidis, Governor of the Region of Western<br>Macedonia  |
|               | Mr. Petros Kokkalis, Member of the European Parliament   |
|               | Mr. Theodoros Theodoulidis, Rector of University of Western<br>Macedonia   |
|               | Mr. Dimitris Fatouros, UN Regional Information Center Greece,<br>Cyprus  |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Vision and development path of the Region  |
|               | Mr. Stergios Kianas, Vice-Governor of Digital Transition, Green Transformation, E-governance and Innovation          |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | EU funding and policies and the SDGs   |
|               | Mr Athanasios Sofos, Programme Manager, European Commission, DG Regional & Urban Policy                              |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | The SDGs in Greece   |
|               | Ms. Pavlina Spandoni, Sr. Social Policy Advisor at Presidency of the Government, General Secretariat of Coordination |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | The REGIONS2030 pilot project  |
|               | Mr. Iraklis Stamos, Team leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission  |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Coffee break   |

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Moderated by Sokratis Moutidis, Xronos Kozanis (member of UN SDG Media Compact)

| 12.15 – 13.00 | Presentations from local stakeholders towards SDGs   |
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|               | Mr. Lazaros Maloutas, Mayor of Kozani (Climate Neutral Cities<br>Mission)  |
|               | Mr. Panagiotis Plakentas, Mayor of Eordaia   |
|               | Ms. Androniki Katarachia, Dean of the School of Economic Sciences, Professor - University of Western Macedonia, Department of Accounting and Finance |
| 13.00– 13.15  | SDGs monitoring in the Region of Western Macedonia   |
|               | Mr. Nikos Koutsomarkos, Regional Development Expert  |
| 13.15 – 13.30 | SDG's monitoring in Greek Regions  |
|               | Mr. George Strogylopoulos, North Aegean Region Innovation Office   |
| 13.30 – 13.45 | How ASHRAE aligns with SDGs  |
|               | Mr. Petros Dalavouras, President of ASHRAE Hellenic Chapter  |
| 13.45 – 14.15 | Discussion on challenges and cooperation opportunities   |
|               | Governor, Mayors, government representatives, experts  |
| 14.15 – 14.30 | Conclusions  |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | Lunch  |