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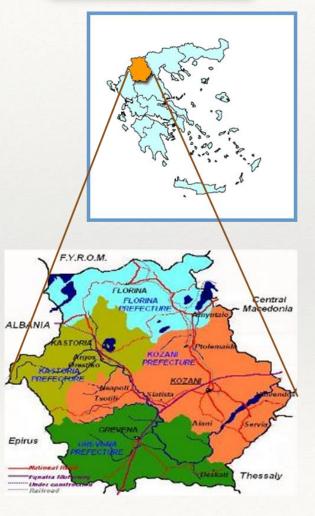
Bioeconomy & Environmental Cluster Western Makedonia

> InnovaWood Virtual General Assembly Meeting 8 July 2020

The Region of Western Macedonia - Greece

- North Western Part of Greece
- The only Region in Greece without sea coast
- ~284.000 inh., 2,6% GR, 12 Municipalities
- PPP: 56% of EU-28 average
- Unemployment 27,1% (2019)
- Strong energy sector (lignite based): was >50% of GR total until 2019
- Energy sector March 2020 (lignite based): 12,47%
- 3 District Heating Networks (lignite)
- Agriculture and animal breeding
- Forest coverage
- Continental climate



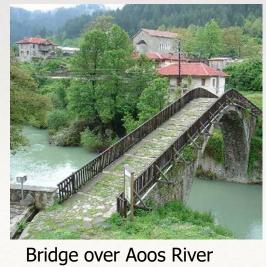


#### The Region of Western Macedonia in a few photos





Pindos National Park "Valia Kalda"



Kozani Central Square



#### Vasilitsa Ski Resort



Energy Sector in Western Macedonia – Public Power <u>Corporation</u> – District Heating

- •4 lignite mines 40 Mtns / yr
- $\approx$  50% total GR Mwel until 2019
- Challenge Lignite plants decommissioning...?? •  $\approx$  12,5% from lignite (March 2020)
- •≈ 20.000 jobs
- •> 200 cooperating SME's

- 3 / 5 DH in the country
- 3 / 4 municipal DH







Biomass Availability – Agriculture – Animal breeding – Forest Coverage

Animal waste: >500.000tns/yr





Agricultural residues: >200.000tns/yr

Forest residues: ≈ 10.000tns/yr Forest exploitation: > 50.000tns/yr Artificial forests: >40.000 acres ≈ 80.000tns/yr (thinning) Depleted coal mines: ≈ 150.000 acres









Establishment of CluBE



Western Macedonia, Greece Bioeconomy and Environment Cluster – CluBE

- Formally established (2014)
- Not for profit company
- Bottom-up approach

Development of common business

### and R&D

in Bioeconomy and Environment

https://clube.gr



Energetic exploitation of **biomass** for District Heating and industrial, commercial and domestic use, Development of the green hydrogen economy Hydrogen for storage and transport, Co-firing of biomass with lignite, Increasing the share of biofuels in the energy mix of transportation fuels **Optimization** of heating systems Biomass development (energy plantations, certification schemes, etc) Energy efficiency in business and commercial use, as well as households Cooperation models (ESCO's, energy cooperatives, ...), Optimization of heating systems, Promote the concepts of smart cities and villages

#### CluBE Members - More than 40 Quintuple Helix Members





- 1. Public sector
- 2. R&D
- 3. SMEs
- 4. Environment
- 5. Social

#### CluBE European Networks and Partnerships





#### F CluBE - Project Portfolio Western Makedonia aGROWchain In2UCO DISHEAT BENEFIT 2 Interreg 2 National projects -SCALIBUR NOMAD Mobile Bio-Fertiliser Solutions HOOP 8 Horizon 2020 QN 2020 R model2bio Rubizmo ROSE WOOD 4.0 Sustainable Wood **MUSIC**

#### CluBE - Key Personnel







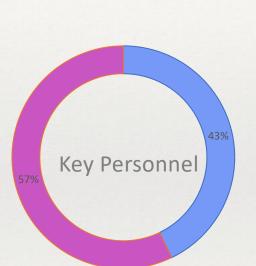


























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