**Success story of Community-based Action for a GREEN transition (CO-GREEN)**

**Introduction and summary**

Write a short, half-page “story” of the case study, making sure to include the following information in the story:

* The local community characteristics, e.g. size, rural or mixed, agricultural of commuter-village etc
* The main issues faced by the community, e.g. depopulation, migration of young people, lack of community spirit, reluctance to face green challenges etc
* The initiative on which the success story is based, and the issue it tried to solve.
* Who took the initiative
* How public participatory helped
* Lessons learnt

In every case: get the agreement of the stakeholders to be placed on the website of co-Green, and present it as a success-story. Without agreement, they cannot be shared.

**Keywords**: add here a couple (3-4 keywords) that can be used as a “search-term” for the library. **Please select from the followings the most suitable:** public participation, green deal, community engagement, green activators, green motivators, participatory processes, community activators, green transition, rural communities.



**Name of Community Mouzaki**

**General information**

| Community Information | Write here |
| --- | --- |
| Population | 1000 |
| Main occupation of inhabitants (e.g. agriculture, services, industry, mixed) | Livestock, agriculture, workers in the bottling industry |
| What is the main comparative advantage/strength of the community? | There are the resources for living |
| What is the main disadvantage/weakness of the community | There is no spirit of cooperation |
| Has the community a history of public participation and engagement? | There are some small partnerships but quite isolated |

**INITIATIVE**

| **Description of challenge** | **Write here** |
| --- | --- |

| Objectives – main issue addressed | Working with the local community to clean the forest from biomass |
| --- | --- |
| Achievements- related to green transition | Cleaning the forest, reducing the risk of fire, improving forest quality |
| Achievements- related to community participation and engagement | Stimulating the cooperative spirit in the community, fostering a collective spirit |
| Who were the actors involved in implementing or animating the initiative? E.g. Local NGO, group of citizens, members of the local a local municipality, other | Vatsounia Forestry Cooperative, AMKE ITAMOS MOUZAKI, Energy Community of Karditsa, Municipality of Mouzaki, University of Thessaly, Foresters |
| How was the community motivated and inspired to take part? What methods were used? | The need to protect the forest from fires has created the mood for cooperation |
| What kind of resources were used? E.g. expert knowledge, financial support etc | The members of the Forestry Cooperative actively participated with their empirical knowledge. Foresters with specialised knowledge of forestry |
| Has the initiative been sustained? How? | Yes  Maturing in terms of funding |
| Any other information you consider important for the successful completion of the initiative | The field of activity is the forest (public space) and the legal framework for interventions is not always favourable |

**OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

| **Description of challenge** | **Write here** |
| --- | --- |
| What were the main challenges / obstacles for the successful conduct of this initiative? | Challenges: The removal of biomass from the rough terrain The exploitation of biomass for use  Obstacles: Financing The legal framework |
| How were they overcome? All or some of them? | Perseverance, plan, partnerships, common vision |
| Who had a prime role in helping overcome the obstacles/challenges? | A cohesive link for the project is the AMKE ITAMOS MOUZAKI |
| Any other information you consider important regarding the local community’s attitude towards the initiative | The Partnership that was created is expanding with new members |