

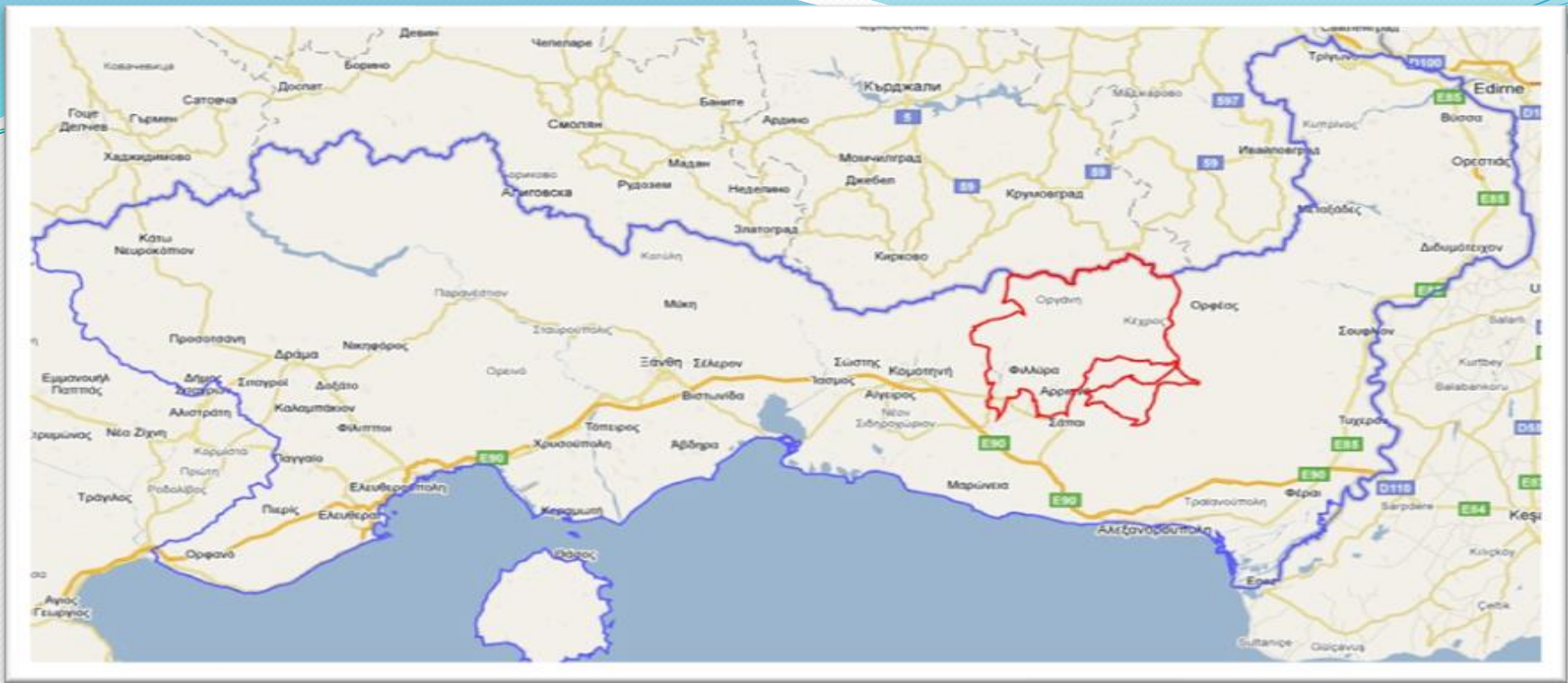
# ***'THE HEALTHY MUNICIPALITY'***

***"Policies for enhancing access to Health Services in Deprived Areas"***



***Transnational Meeting & Project Steering Committee***

***Fillyra-Municipality of Arriana (GR) - January 8th 2019***



- It is located on the northeastern part of the Regional Unit of Rodopi and it covers an area of 771,18 sq. km. while its population is 18.259 inhabitants
- It was created in its current form due to the implementation of the "Kallikratis" reform (Law 3852/2010) as the former municipalities of **Fillyra** and **Arriana** were merged along with the former communities of **Kechros** and **Organi**. It now consists of 4 'municipal units', which correspond to the 4 merged former entities.
- The seat is the commune of Fillyra, with a population of 1,041 inhabitants which is located in the middle between the cities Komotini and Alexandroupolis.





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- The morphology of the municipality is mainly semi-mountainous and mountainous
- The inhabitants of the municipality of Arriana are mainly employed in the primary sector, namely agriculture and livestock. Local agriculture includes tobacco, cereals and alfalfa as their main crops, along with horticultural areas and a small number of tree crops
- According to the data of the 2011 statistical analysis, 74% of its population is employed in the primary sector and this percentage shows the high dependence of the Municipality's economy on the agri-food sector
- The secondary sector employs a small part of the population mainly in small-size units and Equally small is the part of the population dealing with the tertiary sector, namely with trade and services



- The largest wind-farm in Greece and the Balkans with more than 140 windmill turbines at an altitude of 1000 meters is located in the Municipality of Arriana.
- The vision of the municipality for the next programming period focuses on four main axes:
  - Axis 1: Environment and quality of life
  - Axis 2: Social policy – Education – Culture and sports
  - Axis 3: Local economy – Employment
  - Axis 4: Improvement of the Municipality's administrative capacity





- There are two very interesting roman bridges in the municipality: a) the remains of a stone bridge with six arches along 'Via Egnatia' (village of Arisvi), b) the remains of a double-arched bridge in the northwest of the village Paterma at the stream of 'Boyum Dere'.
- Furthermore, findings of Byzantine settlement and a Byzantine church of the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century, along with other historical buildings were found close to the village of Paterma.
- There are archaeological findings of the Roman period (baths and cemetery, the Temple of the Thracian Horse-rider and ruins of a Byzantine fortress in the village of 'Nea Santa'
- There is also a cave in the municipality, with an overall length of 180 meters and a maximum height of 14 meters.

# Social Policy – Health and Welfare (1/2)

- There are no secondary health facilities in the municipality, while primary ones are limited to agrarian practices in the populated communities, without the existence of a Health Center. In order to address their needs, residents should go either to the Health Center in Sapes or to the hospital of the city of Komotini.
- The social policy of the Municipality is limited to the programs supported by the social services of the municipality, namely "Help at Home" and "Community Center" under the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived Areas.
- The Community Centers are designed to increase the quality of life for people living in remote areas, especially the individuals –members of vulnerable groups.
- The main idea is to offer extended social services as “One-Stop-Shop”.





## Social Policy – Health and Welfare (2/2)

- Except the general services, the Community Centers connect the citizens with the social programmes & services which are implemented in the area, as for instance are:
- the Programme for the basic Social Income,
- The Greek Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD/TEBA),
- The active employment policies in collaboration with the Greek Manpower Employment Organization & the General Secretariat for Lifelong Learning, etc.
- At the moment 510 individuals enjoy the services of the Community Center in Arriana Municipality, a number which is increasing every single day.





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