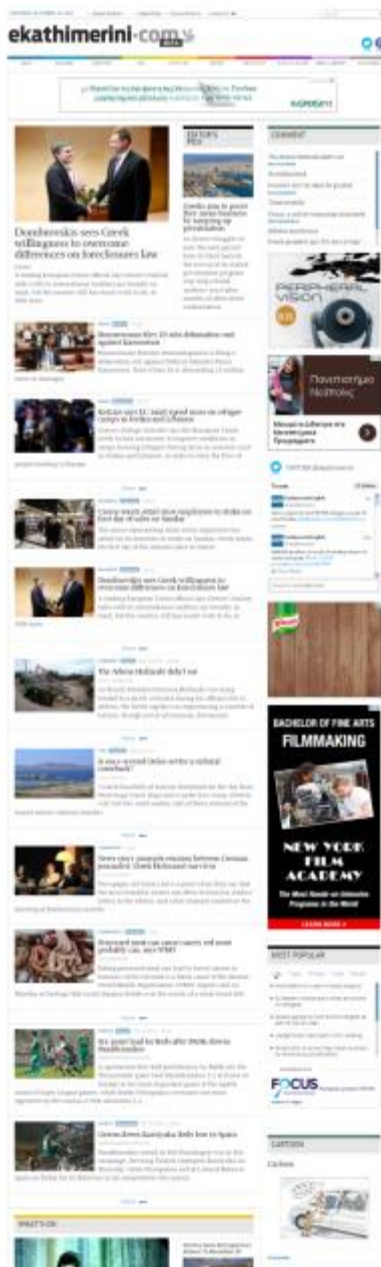


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A three day informative event within the frame of the European project FOCUS was held by Municipality of Agia from 16th to 18th of October 2015.

The project FOCUS – Stimulating new forms of active civic participation through focus on Social and Solidarity Economy is implemented under the European Program "Europe for citizens" and financed by 100 percent from the European Organization EAQEA "Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency" of the European Commission.

Municipality of Agia, a lead partner of project FOCUS, coordinates the actions of a network of 10 European districts that desire to disseminate as a best practice for the empowerment of civic participation, through engagement in Social economy structures.

The 1st open-day entitled, "A standpoint for a deeper discussion on the future of Europe and on what kind of Europe citizens want," was hosted on Friday 16th of October, at the Conference Hall "Chryssaïda" in Agia, while the 2days informative event entitled "3day non-formal education platform and debate: Social economy as a boost to the European active citizenship" were held on Saturday 17th of October at the Conference Hall "Chryssaïda" in Agia and on Sunday 18th of October at the Conference Hall of Anatoli, district of the Municipality of Agia.

During these events the FOCUS partners had the opportunity to meet local associations, NGOs and groups of citizens, as well as introduce voluntary organizations, charities, NGOs and cooperatives from their district and exchange best practices.

The presentations included the Rehabilitation center "Village of Hope" by Rafael Mileman, representative of the Local Action Group Western - Hajju Partnership, Estonia, Social Economy and Cooperatives in Greece by Apostolos Goulas PhD Candidate Department of Planning and Regional Development, University of Thessaly (Rural Space Lab), Social Entrepreneurship: Best practices in Greece by Theodore Alexandrou, representative of the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (IED), Community activities day "Let's Do It!" by Ede Teinbas representative of the Local Action Group Western - Hajju Partnership, Estonia, Developmental actions of Naxxar Local Council, by Paul Gatt and Pierre Skiberras, representatives of the Local Council Naxxar, Malta, Young entrepreneurs' networks in Europe by Christos Gentilofidis, president of the Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance of Thessaly, Methodological issues for planning with local communities by Kleantlis Sirakoulis, professor of TEI of Larissa Department of Business Administration, Social organizations of the Municipality of Agia, by Theodora Patsavoudi, member of the Department of EU Projects Municipality of Agia and Presentation of Actions of Network of Touristic Enterprises of Olympos – Kissavos (OLKIS NET), by Nikos Dugas, representative of the OLKIS NET.

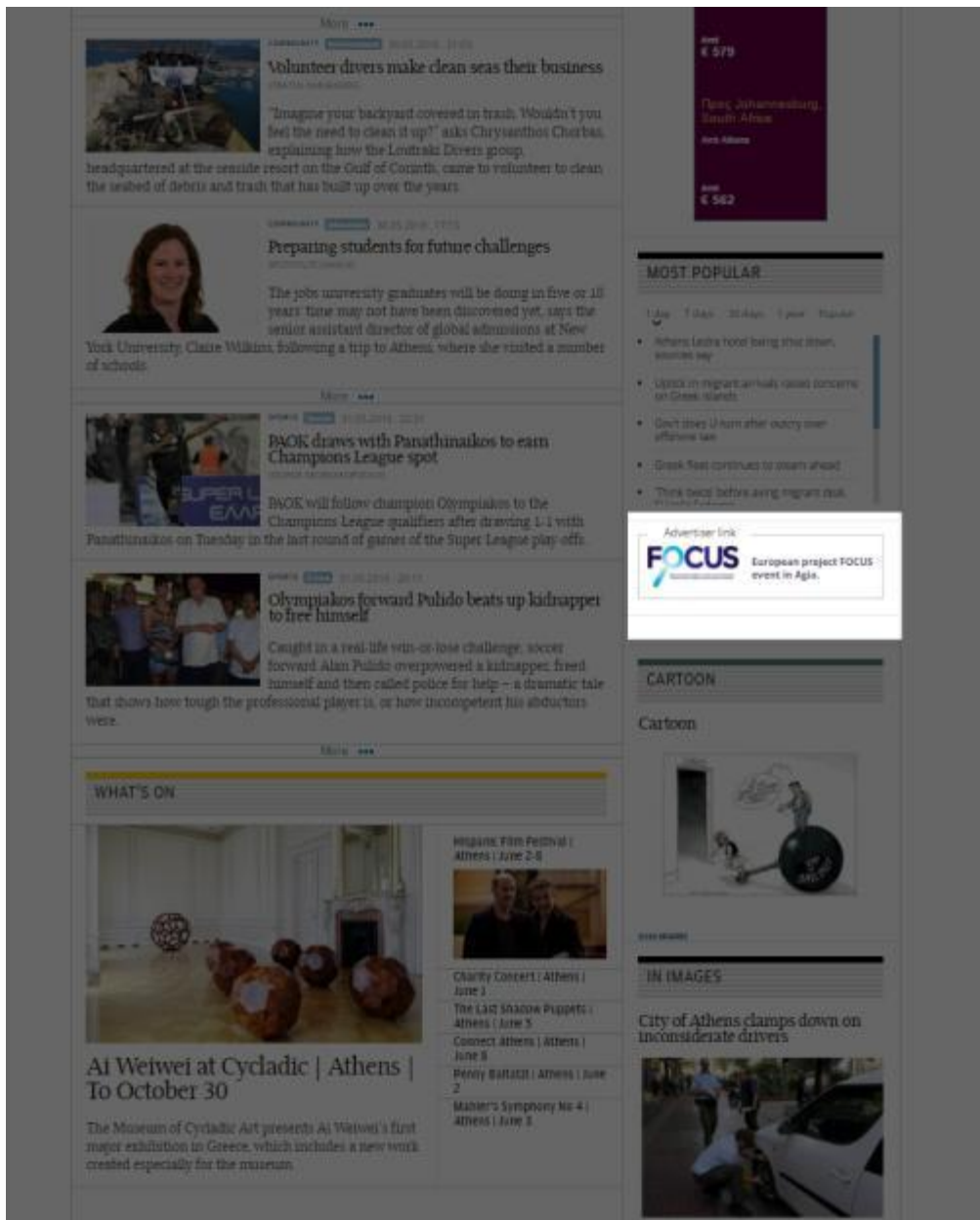
The FOCUS partners had also the opportunity to experience the customs and traditions of Agia, visiting the "Chestnut Fest" and the 10th Meeting of the Mushroom's Friends of Thessaly. The European project FOCUS will be concluded on June 2016 with a seven day informative event, which will be also held in the district of Agia.



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- Volunteer divers make clean seas their business** (01/06/2015, 11:00): "Imagine your backyard covered in trash. Wouldn't you feel the need to clean it up?" asks Chrysanthos Charbas, explaining how the Loutraki Divers group, headquartered at the seaside resort on the Gulf of Corinth, came to volunteer to clean the seabed of debris and trash that has built up over the years.
- Preparing students for future challenges** (01/06/2015, 11:03): The jobs university graduates will be doing in five or 10 years' time may not have been discovered yet, says the senior assistant director of global admissions at New York University, Claire Wilkins, following a trip to Athens, where she visited a number of schools.
- PAOK draws with Panathinaikos to earn Champions League spot** (01/06/2015, 22:37): PAOK will follow champion Olympiakos to the Champions League qualifiers after drawing 1-1 with Panathinaikos on Tuesday in the last round of games of the Super League play-offs.
- Olympiakos forward Pulido beats up kidnapper to free himself** (01/06/2015, 20:13): Caught in a real-life win-or-lose challenge, soccer forward Alan Pulido overpowered a kidnapper, freed himself and then called police for help – a dramatic tale that shows how tough the professional player is, or how incompetent his abductors were.

The sidebar on the right contains:

- Advertisement:** "Advertiser link" for FOCUS, European project FOCUS event in Agia.
- MOST POPULAR:** A list of trending articles.
- CARTOON:** A section for cartoon content.
- IN IMAGES:** A section for image galleries, including "City of Athens clamps down on inconsiderate drivers".

At the bottom of the page, there is a "WHAT'S ON" section listing various events in Athens for June, such as the "Migraine Film Festival", "Charity Concert", "The Last Shadow Puppets", "Connect Athens", "Penny Balfanz", and "Mahler's Symphony No. 4".



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Municipality of Agia organizes informative events (workshops) within the frame of the European project FOCUS. The project FOCUS "Stimulating new forms of active civic participation through focus on Social and Solidarity Economy", is being implemented under the European Programme "Europe for citizens" financed by 100% from the European Organization EACEA "Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency" of the European Commission.

Municipality of Agia, lead partner of project FOCUS, coordinates the actions of a network Organizations and Authorities from 10 European countries that desire to disseminate as a best practice for the empowerment of civic participation of those citizens who have not been involved so far, or who reject the Union outright of put in question its achievements, their engagement in Social economy structures.

A 3-day Workshop of expertise and know-how in the fields of Social Entrepreneurship will be held in Agia including the following events:

Thursday 2nd of June 2016, 17:00 – 20:00, Workshop: "The importance of Social Entrepreneurship for the viability of EU"

Friday 3rd of June 2016, 14:30 – 21:00, Workshop: "Social Entrepreneurship as a way out of the economic crisis and incentive tool for civil participation in democratic life at local and EU level"

Saturday 4th of June 2016, 19:00 – 22:00, Workshop: "Fields of Social Entrepreneurship development and positive euro-scepticism"

The 5-day Workshop of interactive presentation of best practices in the field of Social Entrepreneurship entails the agenda as follows:

Friday 3rd of June 2016, 09:00 – 13:30, Workshop: "Social Solidarity and Public Administration in EU"

Saturday 4th of June 2016, 09:00 – 12:30, Workshop: "Best practices of Social Entrepreneurship in EU"

Sunday 5th of June 2016, 09:00 – 13:00 & 18:00 – 20:00, Workshop: "The Social Economy in the tourism sector"

Monday 6th of June 2016, 10:00 – 13:00, Workshop: "Social cooperatives as tool for sustainable development"

Tuesday 7th of June 2016, 09:00 – 12:00, Workshop: "Cultural heritage promotion and Social Entrepreneurship"

During these events the FOCUS partners will have the opportunity to meet local associations, NGOs and groups of citizens, exchange best practices and opinions and get in touch with local customs and traditions.

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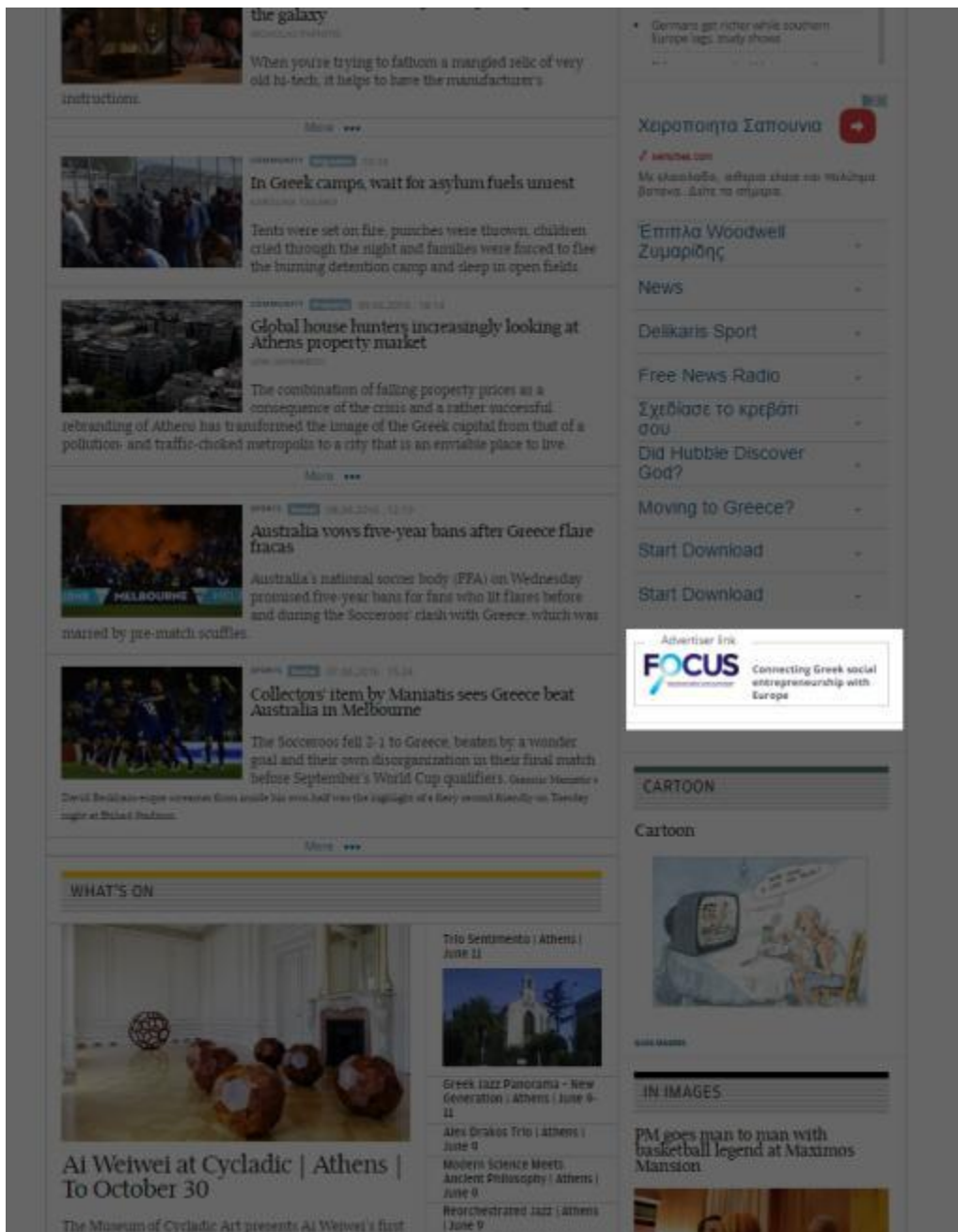
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Finding ways to stimulate new forms of active civic participation through an emphasis on social and solidarity economy was the subject of a series of recent workshops held in Agia, Thessaly, in central Greece.

The workshops were carried out within the framework of FOCUS, a European project designed to highlight the important role of social economy in enhancing European citizenship.

Agia municipality coordinated the actions carried out by 10 European countries.

A summary of the projects and their outcomes was presented by representatives of Estonia, Portugal, Croatia, Italy and Spain.

A workshop on "Development areas of social entrepreneurship and positive EU skepticism" took place at the cultural conference center Chryselida in Agia. The workshop was attended by economist and social entrepreneur Elena Panaritis and University of Athens professor Panagiotis Karakatsoulis.

Drawing from their experience in Greece and abroad, speakers discussed a strategy, the necessary institutional framework, and the challenges for the development of a social economy, while emphasizing its key role in social well-being.

Vasilios Taktikos, coordinator of the Hellenic Observatory of Civil Society Organizations, also shared his ideas on social entrepreneurship in Greece.

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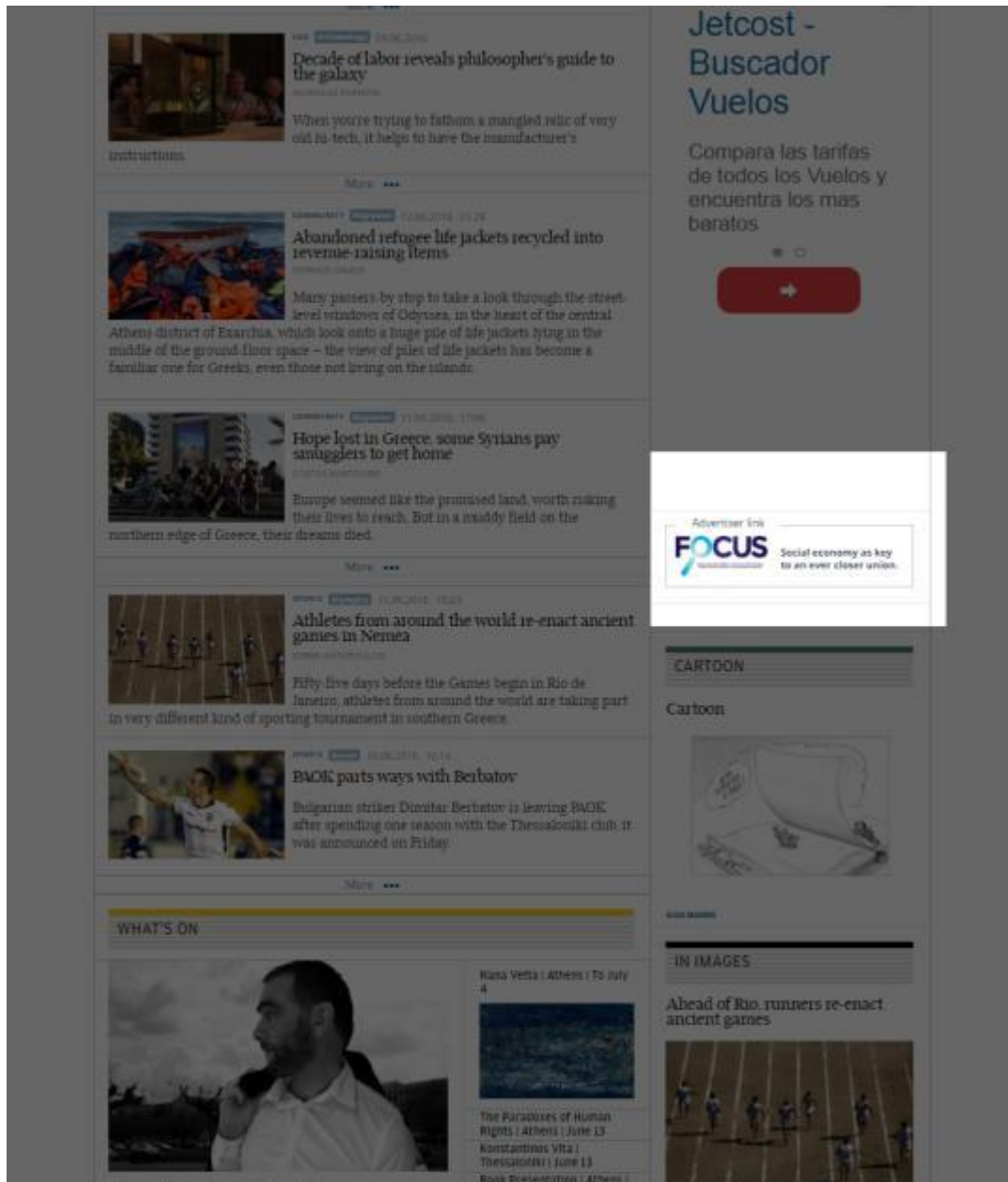
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- Decade of labor reveals philosopher's guide to the galaxy** (11/06/2015, 11:06): When you're trying to fathom a mangled relic of very old hi-tech, it helps to have the manufacturer's instructions.
- Abandoned refugee life jackets recycled into revenue-raising items** (12/06/2015, 09:28): Many passers-by stop to take a look through the street-level windows of Odyssea, in the heart of the central Athens district of Exarchia, which look onto a huge pile of life jackets lying in the middle of the ground-floor space – the view of piles of life jackets has become a familiar one for Greeks, even those not living on the island.
- Hope lost in Greece, some Syrians pay smugglers to get home** (11/06/2015, 11:06): Europe seemed like the promised land, worth risking their lives to reach. But in a muddy field on the northern edge of Greece, their dreams died.
- Athletes from around the world re-enact ancient games in Nemea** (11/06/2015, 11:23): Fifty-five days before the Games begin in Rio de Janeiro, athletes from around the world are taking part in very different kind of sporting tournament in southern Greece.
- BAOK parts ways with Berbatov** (10/06/2015, 16:14): Bulgarian striker Dimitar Berbatov is leaving BAOK after spending one season with the Thessaloniki club, it was announced on Friday.

The sidebar on the right contains:

- Jetcost - Buscador Vuelos**: Compara las tarifas de todos los Vuelos y encuentra los mas baratos.
- Advertiser link**: FOCUS Social economy as key to an ever closer union.
- CARTOON**: Cartoon
- IN IMAGES**: Ahead of Rio, runners re-enact ancient games.

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The promotion of a social and solidarity economy on a Greek and European level as a tool for fostering a common perception of Europe was the subject of a four-day workshop held at Agia, Thessaly, in central Greece, between June 3-6.

The workshops were carried out within the framework of FOCUS, a European project designed to highlight the important role of social economy in enhancing European citizenship.

On Friday June 3, Theodoros Patrisioulas, general secretary of European programs at Agia, made a presentation of the municipality. Deputy regional governor of Thessaly Constantinos Noutsios presented an overview of the EU-fundal programs carried out in the region. Charalambos Samantaris of the University of Thessaly career office gave an overview of the institution.

Lia Gkouztroumpi, of the Directorate of Operational Planning at the Municipality of Larissa, discussed the prospects and difficulties of participating in European projects. Nikos Digeas presented the actions of the Chamber of Larissa, while Savvas Bantzi discussed the work of Development Company of Larissa (AINDI S.A.).

Representatives of Ireland (Local Action Group-East Harje Partnership, Local Action Group- Western Harje Partnership), Portugal (Bastelo-CES), Croatia (Udruga za otvoreni razvoj Braci, France (Les 7 vents), Italy (CESV Organisation, Forum del Terzo Settore, Lami), and Spain (Provincial Government of Teruel - ANAPME Teruel, Provincial Government of Teruel - ARAD) took off a snapshot of their actions, at Hotel Golden Beach, on Saturday June 4.

On the same day, a workshop on "Development areas of social entrepreneurship and positive EU stakeholders" took place at the cultural conference center Chrysolida, in Agia. The workshop was attended by economist and social entrepreneur Elena Parasitis and University of Athens professor Parasgiani Karakatsouli.

Drawing from their experience in Greece and abroad, the speakers discussed a strategy, the necessary institutional framework, and the challenges for the development of a social economy, while emphasizing its key role in social well-being. Vasilis Taktikos, coordinator of the Hellenic Observatory of Civil Society Organizations, also shared his ideas on social entrepreneurship in Greece.

Meanwhile, guests had a chance to visit a number of villages in the area (Metaxiroti, Omoloi, Kokino Neri, Velika), the city of Larissa, several archaeological sites, and to get a taste of local culture (Cherry Festival, Hot Springs, the castle of Velika).

The event came to a close on Monday June 6 with a workshop on good social business practices, on a national and European level. The day started with a presentation of the actions taken by the Municipality of Strumyani in Bulgaria and the Municipality of Naxos in Malta. That was followed by a presentation of the work by social cooperative enterprises Members made by its chairman, George Arsenis. A presentation of the Olympia-Kissavros Initiative (OKI) network was followed by a seminar on "Producer groups: Charting the future of Greek agriculture" by Dinos Blabatos. The day ended with a presentation by Stavroula Sabrelia, director of Antiquities Ephorate of Larissa.

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