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Sustainable and smart mobility for all

2030



CIVITAS Study Visit Komotini 7 April 2025



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Introduction

Why Replication and Deployment?

Support cities

We want to support cities address real-life challenges in the urban mobility realm

Transfer knowledge

We want to create an environment for knowledge sharing between peers and urban mobility experts

Exploit best practices

We want to capitalize on the experiences from CIVITAS projects and the cities involved in them

Boost solutions uptake

We want to upscale the deployment of solutions tested and developed in CIVITAS projects

How does it work?

Challenge cities



- Select **6** Challenge cities that want to address a concrete urban mobility challenge
- Match them in twinning pairs and connect them with Champion cities
- Each Challenge city will host a site visit to co-create solutions for their challenge and participate in a visit to their twin city

Champion cities



- Select **12** Champion cities that want to share their best practices and expertise
- Match them with Challenge cities to create venues for replication
- Each Champion city will join one site visit and participate in one co-creation workshop

Take up and transfer activities:

Twinning sessions



Co-creation workshops



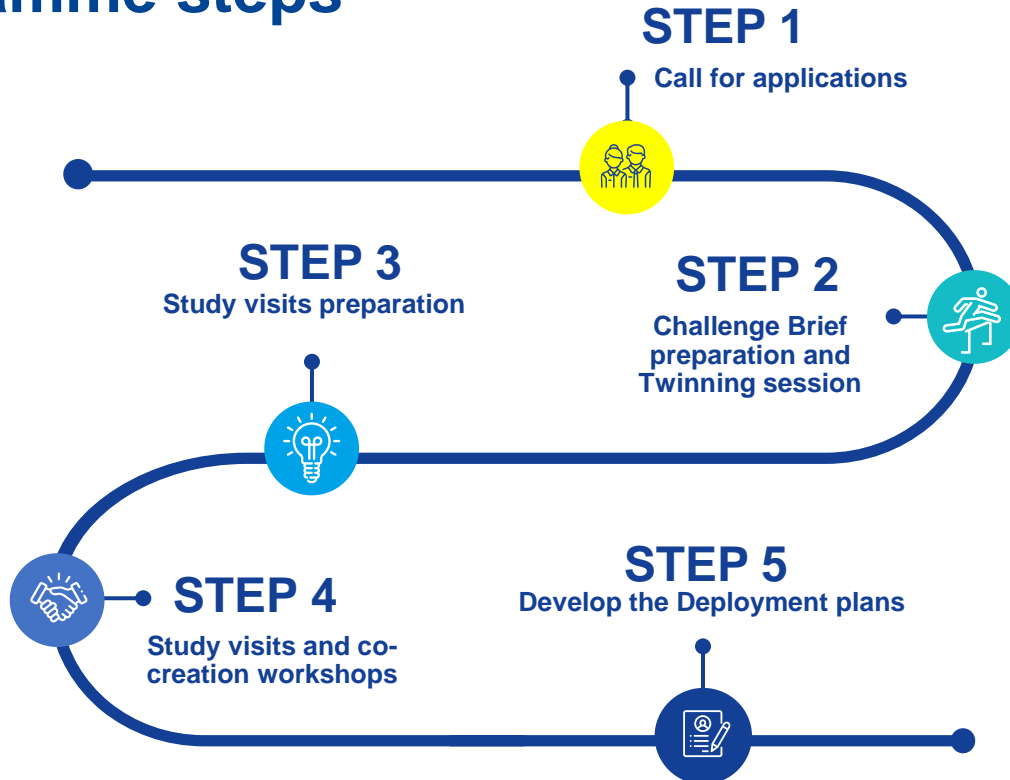
Site Visits



Deployment plans



Programme steps



Study visit

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Morning		Experts and Champion cities presentations	Co-creation workshop Part 2
		Site visit 2	Collective harvesting
Afternoon	Challenge presentation	Co-creation workshop Part 1	
	Site visit 1		

Expected outcomes



The deployment plans should:

- Describe your starting point at the beginning of the programme and the identified challenge
- Especially important will be to use tomorrow's co-creation workshop to gather insights from your Twin City, the Champion Cities and the external expert on how to address your challenge
- Outline what you have learned during the programme
- Specify what steps you could take in the coming years to address the challenge by detailing:
 - The type of measures you could implement
 - The expected cost of such measures
 - The responsibilities for implementing the measures
 - Any external stakeholders you would need to involve for the successful implementation

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Ice Breaker

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Meet Komotini

Introduction

Komotini in brief

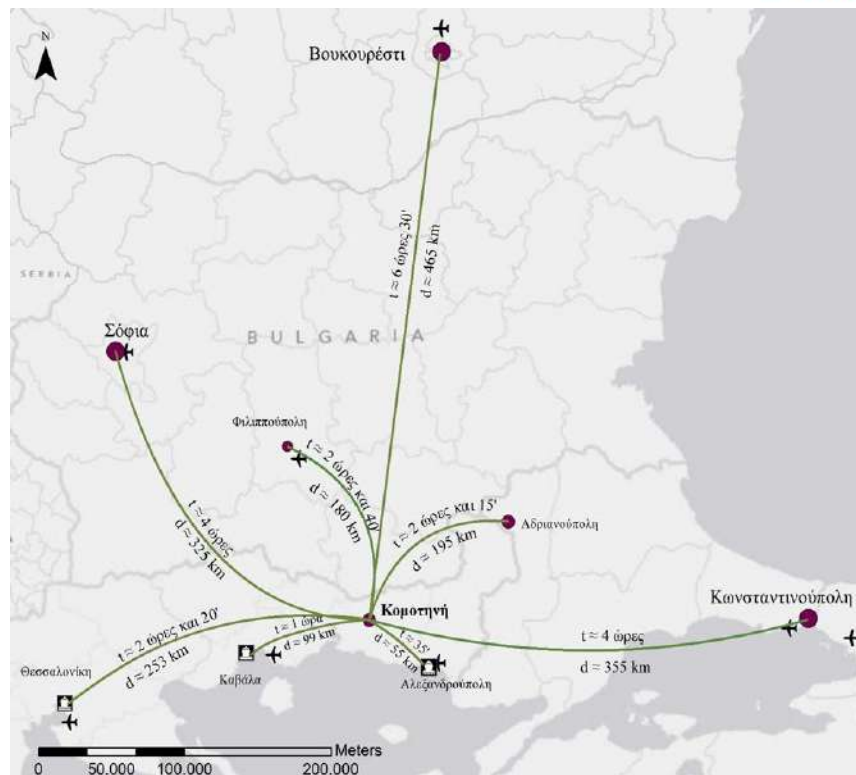
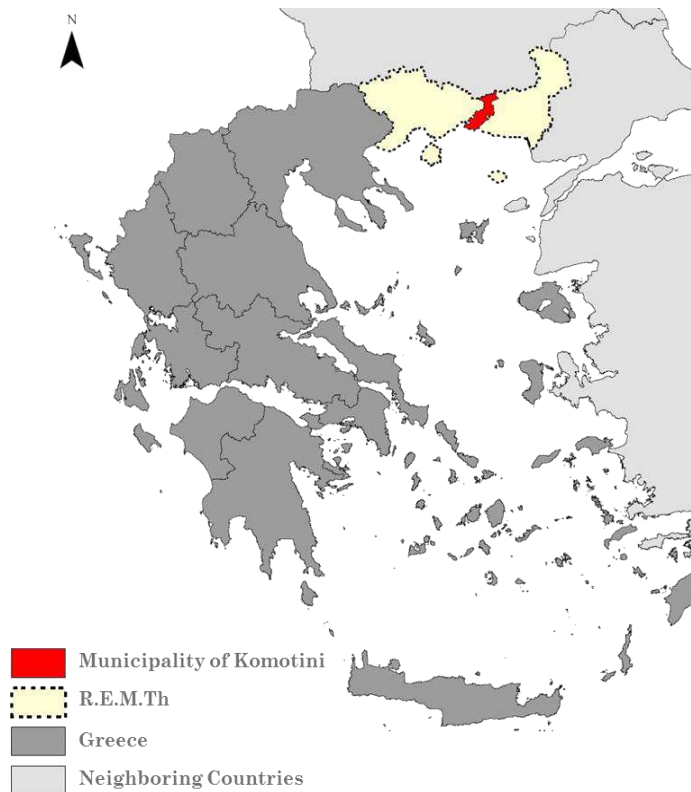


- **Komotini (population of 54.272) is located in Rhodope Region of Thrace, in the North-Eastern Greece, one of the poorest regions in EU.**
- **Komotini Municipality is a medium sized city for Greek standards. It is built around a roman age fortress with a small footprint (~6 Km2) with a small compact medieval city centre**
- **It is the administrative center of the region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace and the Democritus University of Thrace.**
- **special mention award for accessibility to the European Access City Awards (2021)**



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Visual impressions



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Komotini's mobility vision

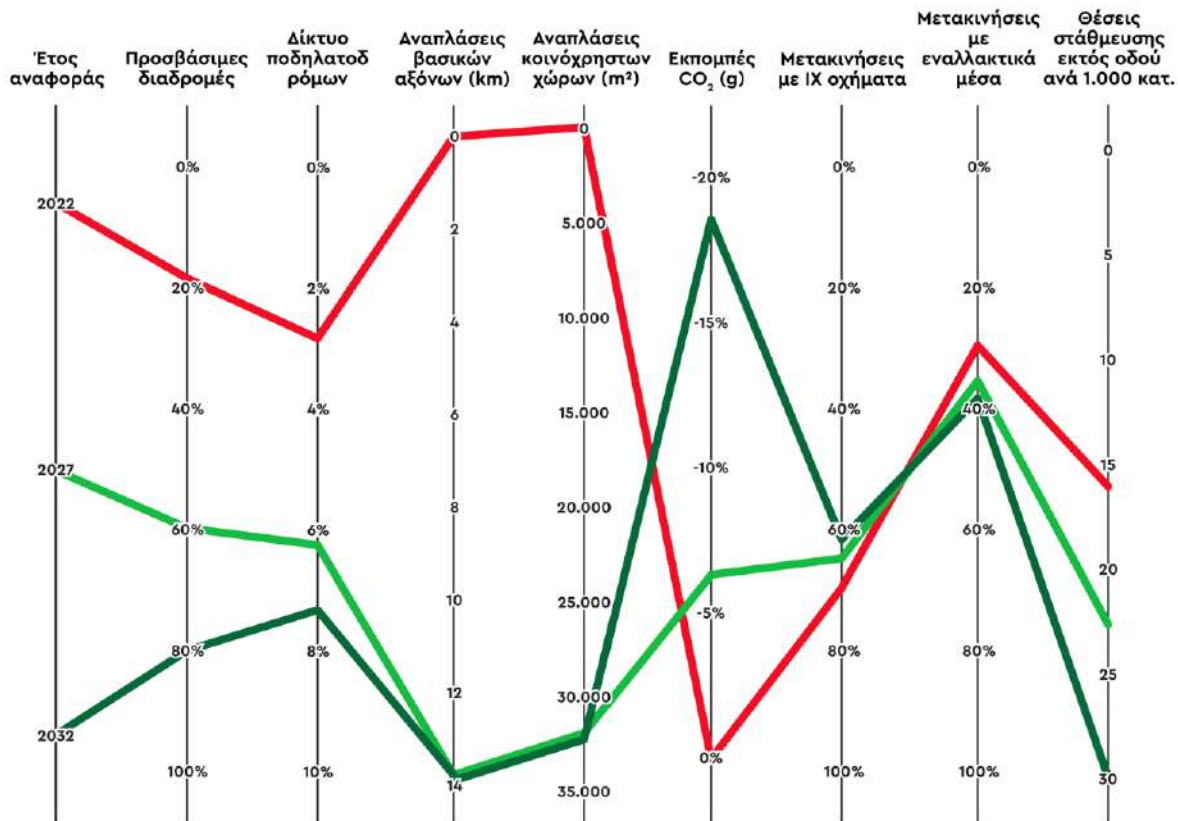


- **SUMP's VISION**

***“Improving the functionality of the urban space, with continuous strengthening of accessibility and digital transformation with the aim of reducing the environmental footprint and ultimately serving the role of Komotini as a primary national pole of interregional reach and strengthening its special cultural identity*”**



Komotini's mobility vision



Komotini's mobility vision



- **ITI's VISION**

The main vision of this strategy is the transformation of its Komotini's urban area with the aim of improving the quality of life, stimulating the economy and strengthening social cohesion.



Komotini's mobility vision



- **ITI's goals**

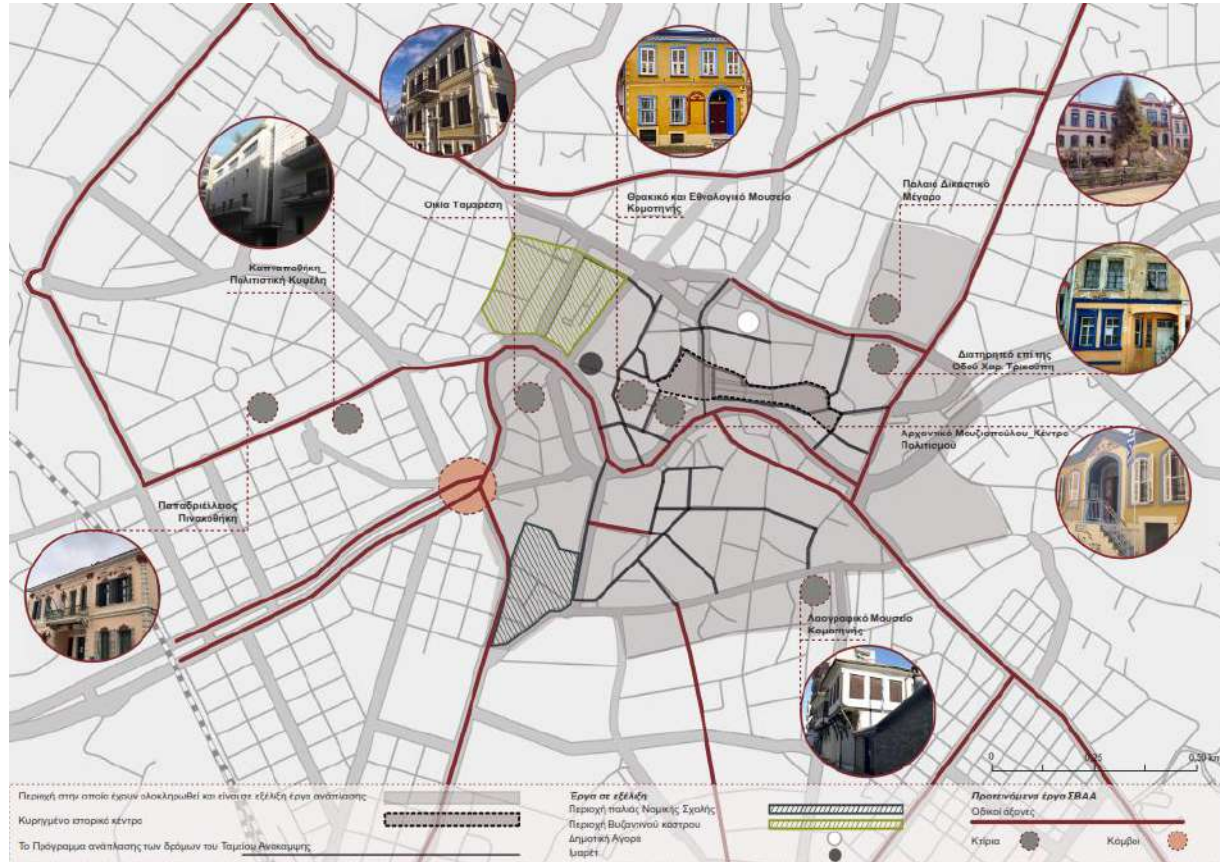
- **proposing a new model of modern city life compatible with EU & national directives on the Environment and resource management, sustainable mobility, universal accessibility,**
- **amending spatial disruptions in the urban space,**
- **improving functionality and aesthetics of the urban space,**
- **ensuring the qualitative enlargement of the public space,**
- **improving the quality of life of its residents, through actions that strengthen the social cohesion, the stimulation of the potential productivity and entrepreneurship of the city,**
- **strengthening the identity of Komotini and highlight its cultural dynamics.**



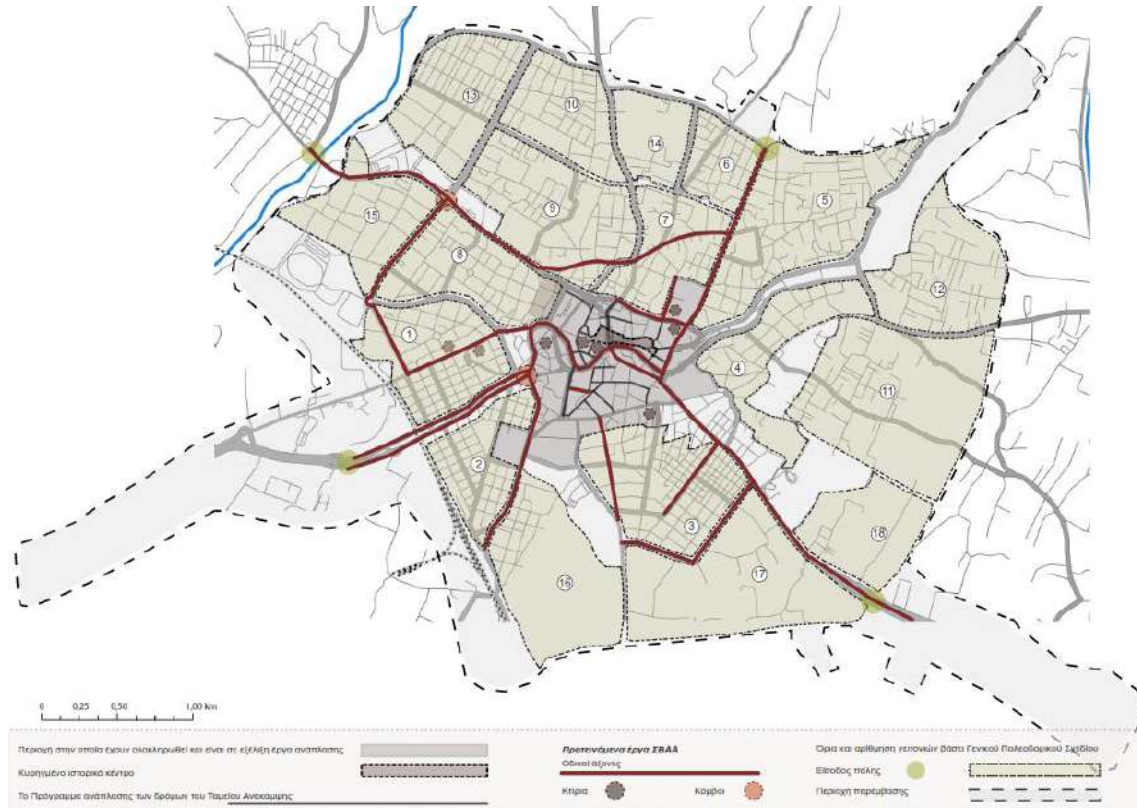
Komotini's mobility vision – ongoing projects



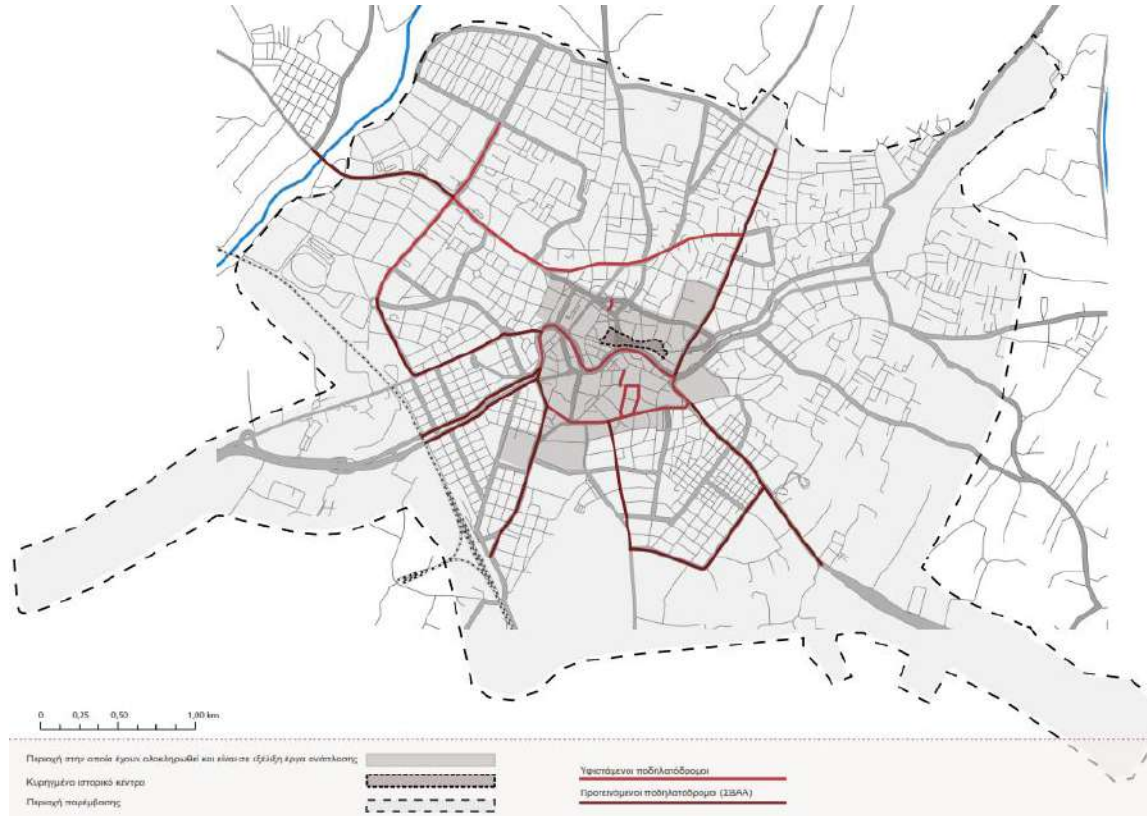
Komotini's mobility vision – future projects



Komotini's mobility vision – future projects – expansion to neighbourhoods



Komotini's mobility vision – future projects – expansion bike lanes





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Overview sustainable mobility strategy in the host city & current projects

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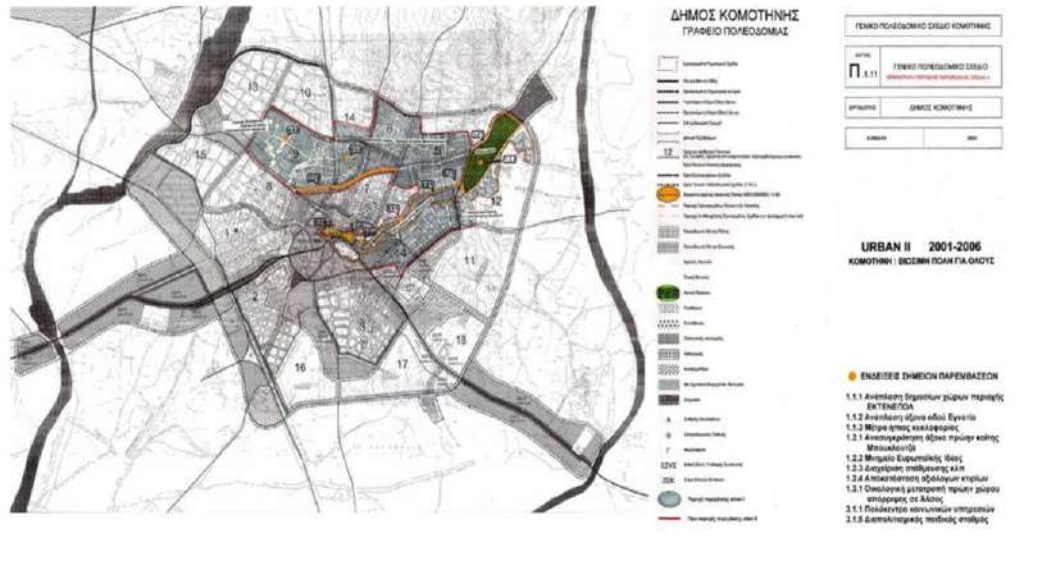


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Municipality Of Komotini

Community Initiative URBAN II OP "Komotini "Sustainable city for all 2001-2006"

The Municipality of Komotini, one of three selected cities (Heraklion, Perama, Komotini) of the Community Initiative Urban II 2000-2006, has implemented and regenerated a large part of its urban fabric.

One of the main objectives of the Operational Programme was to improve the environment and quality of life of the city.



Indicatively, the following projects (Urban II) were implemented by the programme have contributed substantially to the improvement of the quality of life of citizens with respect to the accessibility of people with disabilities.

Community Initiative URBAN II OP "Komotini "Sustainable city for all 2001-2006"

Multi-functional
Social Services
Centre



Redevelopment of
the former riverbed
of the river
Buklutsa.
(Democritus road)



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Semi-independent living house for people with disabilities



Municipality of Komotini catering building

Bus route serving the intervention area



Traffic calming measures on the streets of Ioannina, Fokionos, Gravia, Xenophonos and Nice



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"Integrated Urban Regeneration Operational Plan" within the framework of THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME "EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE 2000-2006"

The Operational Plan for Integrated Urban Regeneration, within the framework of the IMTH 2000-2006, was implemented in the area of Nea Mosinoupoli.



Integrated Urban Development Plan of the Operational Programme "MACEDONIA - THRACE 2007-2013".



Integrated Urban Development Plan (IUDP)



**Regeneration of
Archbishop
Chrysanthos
Square**



**Interventions of
soft roads and
improvement of
accessibility
(Kouloglou Street,
Seferi Street,
Herodotus Street,
Philippou Street)**



Integrated Urban Development Plan (IUDP)



**Bicycle ring road projects
(Demokritou Street,
Orfeos, Kakoulidis - St.
Kyriakidis, N. Zoidis -
Ap.Souzou)**

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE 2007 - 2013



RENOVATION- UTILISATION OF THE BUILDING OF NESTOR TSANAKLIS

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE 2007 - 2013

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEEDS OF THE OPERATION OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS (1ST & 2ND EDUCATION) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOMOTINI AND THE INTEGRATION DEPARTMENTS"



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE 2014 - 2020

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE 1st SPECIAL MUNICIPAL SCHOOL AND NURSERY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOMOTINI



Integrated Spatial Investment - ICI of the OP AMTH NSRF 2014-2020

ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY PROJECT ON ROADS AROUND THE BYZANTINE WALL OF KOMOTINI

The streets Sokratous, N. Gregora and Sofouli were formed.
The design and implementation of the roads was always carried
out in accordance with the current legislation on accessibility
for people with disabilities



ACCESSIBLE BEACHES



in the year 2017 the Municipality of Komotini proceeded with its own resources, for the supply entitled "Supply and installation of a non-permanent auxiliary device for the access of people with disabilities" for the summer months, at Iulia beach in the settlement of Fanari N. Rodopis



ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

"Supply and installation of equipment for the access of people with disabilities and other categories with mobility problems to the beaches of the Municipality of Komotini



Equipment for
people with
impaired or no
vision

AROGI BEACH



MESI BEACH



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TEACHING FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOMOTINI AND COMMON AREAS - WITH OWN RESOURCES



RECONSTRUCTION OF PLAYING FIELDS OF STADIUMS



Projects in progress



ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

'UPGRADING AND IMPROVING THE ATTRACTIVENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE COMMUNAL SPACE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF FANARIO' (REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SQUARE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF FANARIO NEAR THE PORT).



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Projects in progress

Redevelopment of Kanari Street and surrounding streets in the historic site of the shopping centre of Komotini



Ελλάδα 2.0
ΕΘΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΕΔΙΟ ΑΝΑΚΑΜΨΗΣ
ΚΑΙ ΑΝΘΕΚΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑΣ



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ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE CENTER OF KOMOTINI



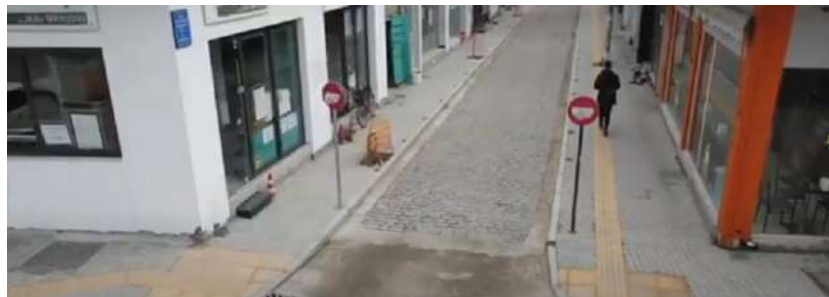
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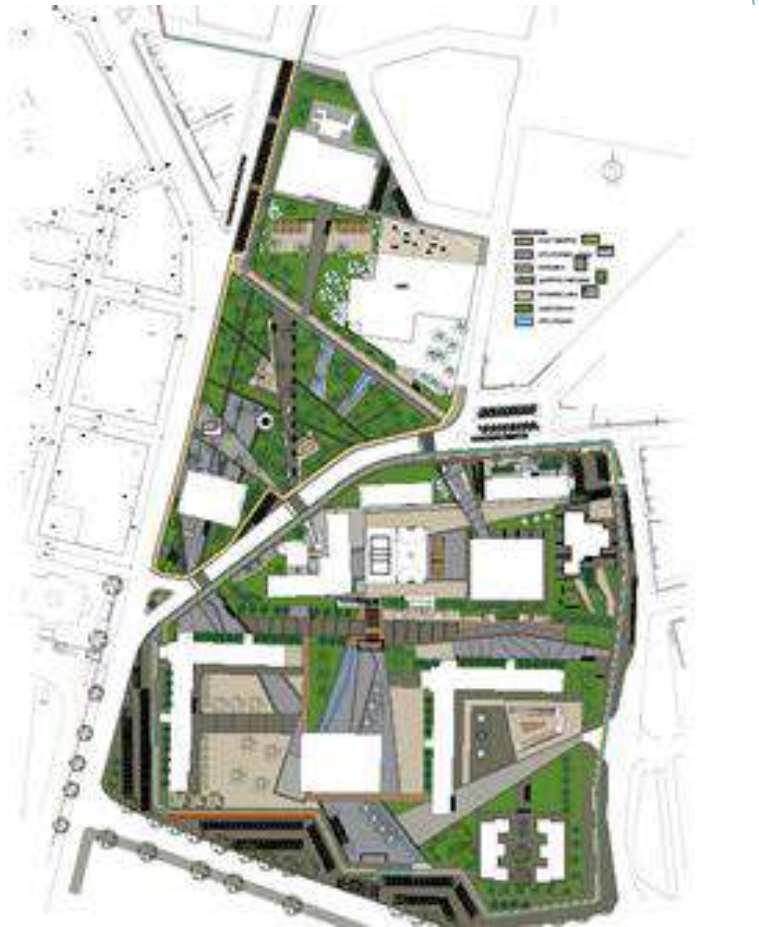
ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE CENTER OF KOMOTINI



Projects in progress



REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WIDER AREA AROUND THE 'OLD HIGH SCHOOL OF ARENAS'



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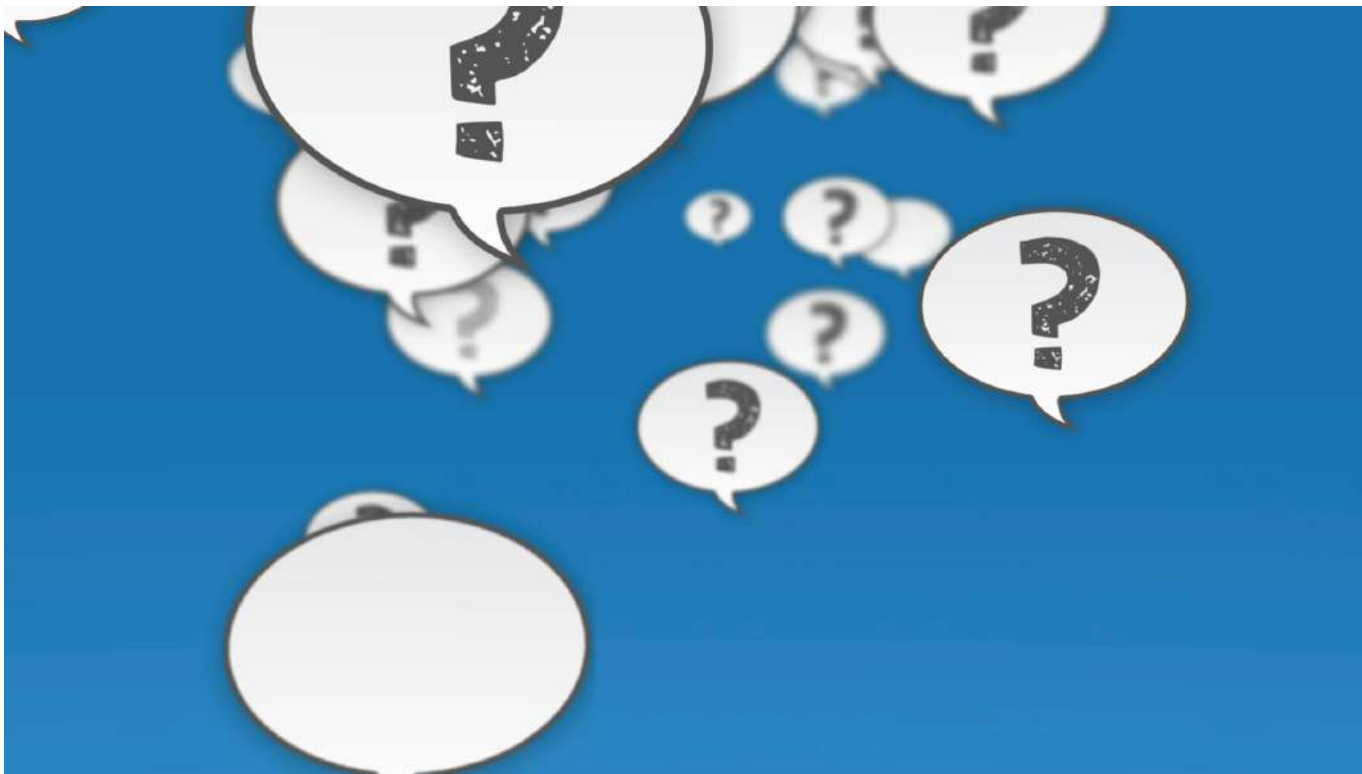


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Questions?



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Presentation of the Challenge

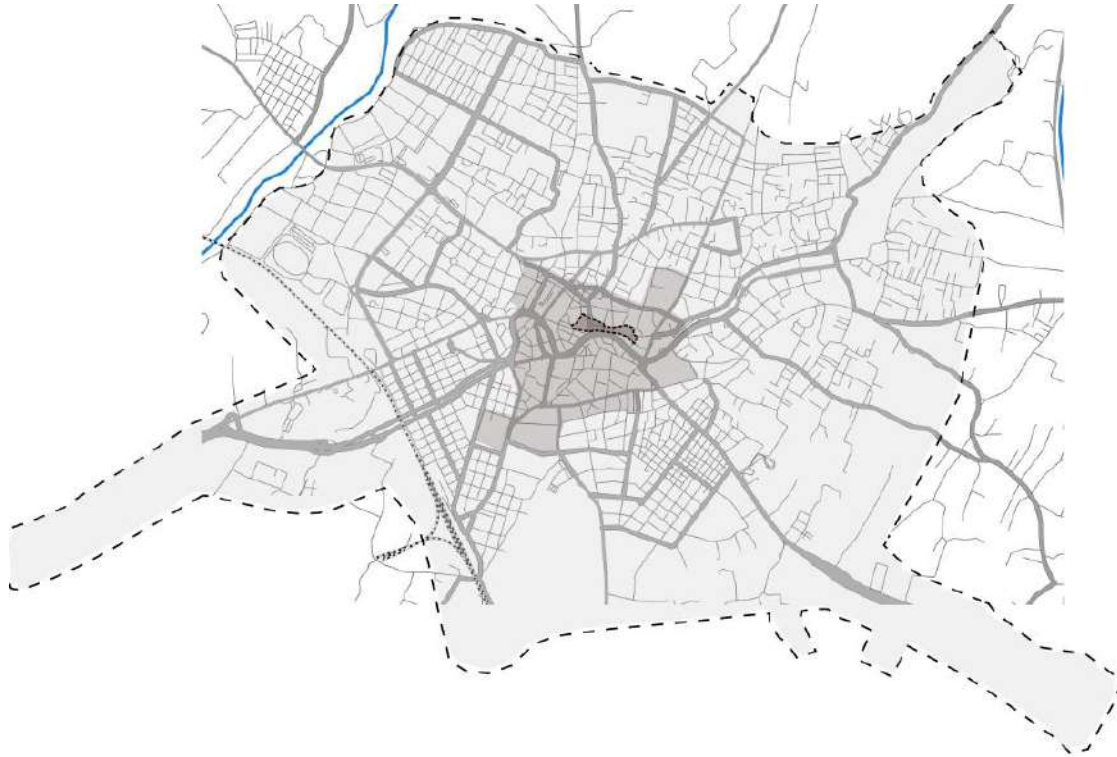
KOMOTINI TAKE A STEP BEYOND



- **Komotini would like to continue its efforts towards improving the accessibility of its road and building infrastructure.**
- **Integrated and inclusive planning where through democratic processes Komotini's citizens will co-decide Komotini's future public space and mobility.**
- **how to implement the aforementioned policies and goals in a city where its city centre is a protected historical site with little space to operate and achieve optimum solutions regarding mobility and accessibility.**
- **Economic development and opportunities as Komotini's brand as an accessible and welcoming city to all citizens will be enhanced..**



Area of the challenge



Organisational structure



- The main departments involved are:
 - Mayor's office and the office of Planning
 - The Department of Technical Works
 - The department of Social policy
 - The department of urban planning



Organisational structure

- Apart from Komotini municipality we intend to include in the challenge:
 - Municipal development agency K. Karatheodori
 - Local Road police department
 - Local commercial chamber
 - Local branch of the Technical chamber of Greece
 - Local University
 - City Transport company

External stakeholders



- We are planning to work as we do in our ongoing efforts with Members of Perpató, The NGO that runs the People with disabilities halfway house that educate people with kinetic disability on how to live independently and also other NGO that are actively involved in our city planning procedures.
- Also Members of the S.M.ALL. Urbact Local Group will be involved.



Optional: Previous attempts to solve the challenge

- 1st phase - Urban II Community Initiative Programme (2000-2006, 12,4 M€) **for Komotini which funded interventions regarding urban regeneration (public facilities (bus network, social center, halfway house for disabled people),**
- 2nd-3rd phase (2007-2020, 20 M€) were complementary to the first one and included additional urban infrastructure (bike lane network, accessible opens spaces, buildings and schools) but also the establishment of social structures co-funded by the municipality and run by local NGO (Community center, halfway house and activity center for and run by disabled people, after school programs for children with intellectual disabilities, smart city technologies and applications)

Optional: Previous attempts to solve the challenge

- Komotini built around a medieval fortress with a multi phase uncontrolled urban development faced a lot of problems regarding accessibility and social integration due to its multicultural background.
- These problems were heightened due to the economic crisis of 2008 that hit Greece especially hard

Ideal outcome

- Komotini to become 100% accessible
- First city in Greece where people with disabilities can move freely within our city and enjoy their everyday life.).
- Disabled people coming to komotini to complete their rehabilitation in a city that embraces them, go back to their homes and come again as tourist to have a good time.
- Professionals from the local university (social workers, gymnasts, police cadets) to be involved in that process, educate themselves on the process and when they go back to their homes to transfer their experience to their cities and communities

Challenge



- A city centre which is a protected historical site with little space to operate and achieve optimum solutions regarding mobility and accessibility, even when there is pressure from other public space users (commercial uses, parking etc)
- Our most underprivileged citizens should be in the forefront co-deciding with the city's administration



Challenge



Challenge



Challenge



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Challenge



Questions?



Coffee break!

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Challenge breakdown

Challenge breakdown:

- What is the motivation of your city to address the challenge?
- What previous attempts to solve the challenge have been made? Why it did not work?
- Do you have political support to address this challenge?
- Do you have financial resources to address this challenge?
- Do you have human resources?

Other cities:

- Have you encountered similar challenges in your city?
- What are the similarities and what are the differences?

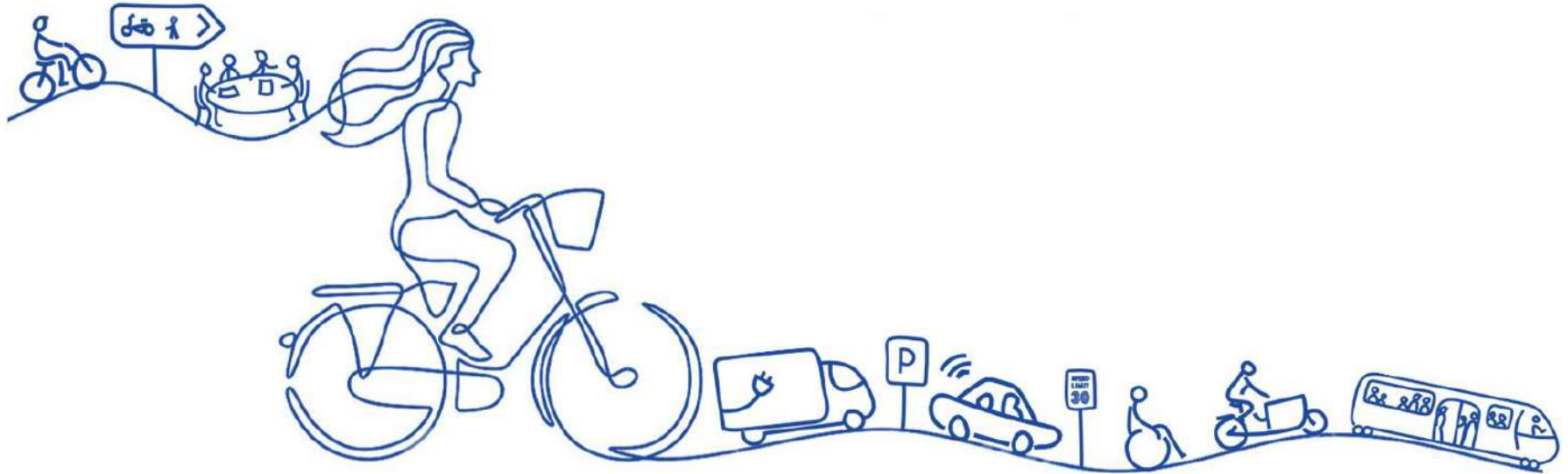
45 min exercise

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Site Visit

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Mobility Solutions That Inspire



Artwork adapted from Ahmad Safarudin

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