



PARNONAS

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY

COMPANY PROFILE



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The wider region of the Eastern Peloponnese is a place endowed with rich history, culture, local architecture, NATURA 2000 sites, remarkable flora and fauna, an extensive network of traditional settlements and cultural and information centers, which presents the ideal requirements for re-emerging the great value of the place we live in.

The support of the Municipalities in the matters of development planning and maturing of the projects for the utilization of national and community resources makes the Company's role a key element in the development of our region.

Networking and partnerships are a strategic sector in which the Company has invested in supporting the achievement of its goals. Through the cooperation with the Municipalities of Eastern Peloponnese, the Local Agencies and the Networks, the continuous dissemination of information and know-how is ensured and the Company is able to respond to any challenges at local, regional and national levels.

Our place deserves it and we will do our best for all of us!

The Regional Development Company of Parnonas through its work and activities over the last twenty years has gained the trust of the inhabitants and the relevant bodies of the wider region of Parnonas.

The Company supports and promotes integrated local development with the effectiveness that characterizes it as the most reliable tool of Local Authorities in the Region. This also means responsibility for continuity and expansion of positive outcomes towards socio-economic development and the welfare of citizens.

The LEADER program has consistently acted as a local development accelerator, bringing community policies and resources close to the remote areas, highlighting the Greek countryside as a protagonist of good practices for entrepreneurship.

The remarkable productive, natural, cultural and socio-economic elements of the region are the prerequisites for characterizing the area of Eastern Peloponnese as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, which is the next step in the Company's vision for economic and social well-being.



Regional Development Company of Parnonas S.A.

Company's Profile

The Regional Development Company of Parnonas (PARNONAS S.A.) was established on 26.9.1995 (Government Gazette 5854/10.11.95) and took the form of a Company whose main purpose is the economic and cultural development of Parnonas area.

The company is a local agreement of regional bodies for the strategy and the content of integrated development, through a vibrant partnership. This is achieved operationally through the establishment of a scientific mechanism which designs and implements the Company's activities and projects. The resources for the implementation of the design come from co-financed projects and programs and also from the development of the sector which provides services and conducts studies for the Company's shareholders.

Aims and objectives

The aim of the Company is to design and implement the local development strategy for the integrated rural development of the Eastern Peloponnese by developing complementary and alternative agricultural activities in tourism and the export orientation of agricultural production through qualitative upgrading and promotion of the characteristics of the area (cultural tradition, natural environment, gastronomy, architectural heritage, port infrastructure). More specifically, the objectives of the integrated development of the region are:

-  The scientific and technical support to local government and their associations through the strengthening of cooperation, mechanisms and institutions
-  Contributing to the promotion of integrated business, economic and generally sustainable development of Local Authorities of the Region of Peloponnese, through the strengthening of cooperation, mechanisms and institutions
-  The development of environmental protection activities, enhancing the research, recording, study and evaluation of the area potential.
-  Managing and implementing of national and EU operational and development programs as well as social policy programs in its area of action.

The above objectives are achieved through:

-  Supporting the effective operation of Local Authorities, Local Agencies, Cooperative and Professional Organizations, as well as other Collective Social Organizations through Programming Contracts.

-  Exploiting the know-how and experience of other areas from the Company's human resources, for the benefit of the local population, through the exchange and dissemination of information at European level.
-  Providing advice to businesses, individuals and collective bodies.
-  Implementation of development programs in tourism, agriculture, culture and other areas of development.

Areas of activity

The main areas of activity of Regional Development Company of Parnonas concern the implementation and management of national and co-funded projects, the provision of technical support services for Local Authorities and the development of studies and programs for other public bodies.

Throughout many years of activity, the Company has successfully implemented numerous projects of private and public initiative that have been funded by national and / or co-funded resources.

Area of action / intervention

Today, Regional Development Company of Parnonas is geographically active in the Region of Peloponnese, prefectures of Arcadia, Argolida, Lakonia, Messinia and Korinthia.

Since its inception, the Company has expanded its area of activity, having gained the trust of residents and stakeholders in the region through the implementation of actions and projects aimed at the integrated high quality sustainable rural development. At its beginning it has advanced the Southeast side of the Peloponnese, dominated by the mountain range of Parnonas, encompassing part of Arcadia and most of Laconia.

Along the way, with the exploitation of national and European programs and the provision of services to local authorities through the operation of an organized Technical Service, the intervention area of the Company has expanded.

For the 2014-2020 programming period, the development area of Parnonas for the implementation of the local CLLD / LEADER program includes 13 OTAs of Argolida, Arcadia and Laconia: North Kynouria, South Kynouria, Tripolis, Megalopolis, Argos - Mycenae, Epidaurus, Ermionida, Nafplio, East Mani, Evrotas, Monemvasia, Sparta and Elafonisos (with the exception of the urban centers of Sparta, Tripolis, Argos and Nafplion) with a total area of ~ 9,500km², with a population of 149,029 inhabitants.

The harmonious coexistence of human culture and nature for thousands of years can be recognized internationally and become part of a network of similarly important areas.

The area is endowed with extremely rich nature, has a characteristic landscape (ecological - cultural - productive), a large number of institutionalized protected areas, NATURA 2000 land and marine areas, remarkable flora and fauna, visiting caves and canyons. The Ecological Park of Parnon - Mustos is an important habitat of international importance and interest and one of the most important of Europe, which is inhabited with numerous and important species of flora and fauna.

Many settlements, characterized as traditional, show the image of local architecture and were established in the 18th and 19th centuries. Indicative traditional settlements: Monemvasia, Geraki, Mystras, Agios Andreas, Leonidio.

The production of a variety local products composes a long list of recognized quality with a) Products of Origins of Origin PDO (Such as Krokeon olive oil of aconia, Finiki olive oil of Asopou Laconia, Tsakonian aubergine of Leonidio, Pilafa apples of Arcadia Cheese of Lakonia, Feta Peloponnissou), b) Products of Protected Geographical Indication PGI (Olive oil of Laconia, wine Moschofilero and Monemvasia Winery) and c) Traditional products such as pork and sausage, traditional noodles and sweets.

The combination of all the above important elements of nature, culture and productive activities compose the term "Biosphere Reserve", which is absolutely uncompromising with the area.

Shareholders / Management of the Company

The shareholders of the Company are (11) Municipalities of Argolida, Arkadia and all the municipalities of Lakonia, the Peloponnese Region, the Peloponnese Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Chambers of Arcadia and Laconia, the Agricultural Cooperatives, Educational and Cultural Associations and other Bodies.

The majority of the share capital is held by the 1st and 2nd Grade Local Authorities with 96.61%. The percentage of private entities, including Chambers, Unions of Agricultural Cooperatives, Agricultural Cooperatives, Cultural Associations and other bodies expressing collective private sector interests, amounts to 3.39%.

The Company is governed by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, which is a 7-member, elected by the General Assembly.

The President, the CEO undertake the executive functions together with the General Manager who is also responsible for Business operation.

Financial data

The share capital of the Company amounts to € 1,250,427.40 and consists of 42,604 shares with a nominal value of € 29.35.

Turnover for the year 2015 is amounted to € 1,276,675.43.

The Company's income are derived from:

-  Implementation and management of National and Community Programs.
-  Providing technical support services for local authorities and regional bodies
-  Elaboration of development projects, services studies and projects in local government and other public bodies

In particular, for the year 2015 the Company's revenue sources shows that:

-  50% came from the implementation of the LEADER Local Program

-  30% came from the Technical Support of Local Authorities. Grade A & B
-  20% comes from the implementation of Other Programs (Axis 3, Employment Programs, etc.)

Regional development Company of Parnonas, following a decision of the Board of Directors, has been established by Certified External Audit, although not required by the law. The purpose of the Annual Financial Audit of the Company is its financial management in accordance with the Greek Legislation and the smooth operation efficiency and transparency as it manages Community and national funds.



Activities

Local CLLD Program 2014-2020



The Regional development Company of Parnonas, utilizing its multiannual experience (over twenty years) in the management and implementation of co-funded programs, has dynamically started designing a multidisciplinary program that addresses acute social and economic problems with bottom-up approach, with the active involvement of the Local Communities. With the approval of the new Local Program entitled "**Eastern Peloponnese. Biosphere Reserve and Business Innovation Zones**", with a total public spending of **€ 11,700,000** under the CLLD / LEADER of the RDP 2014-2020 of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, the Company was ranked **1st** among 47 multi-country programs at country level.

The Program is co-funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

Funding of the Local Program CLLD	
Total cost	11.700.000,00
Public expenditure EAFRD	8.900.000,00
Public expenditure EMFF	2.800.000,00

The **local development of the Company's strategy** for the new period is reflected in the following strategic objectives:

1. Promotion of local identity through the identification, management and development of the Biosphere Reserve, the improvement of the quality of life and the creation of tourism destination infrastructure.
2. Promote local entrepreneurship through cooperation, transfer of know-how and enhancement of innovation and extroversion.

Building on the needs of the region, local planning and the 2014-2020 programming framework, the above objectives specialize in the following actions:

-  Transferring knowledge & awareness

-  Development / Improvement of Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness of the Application Area in Specialized Areas, Areas or Beneficiaries
-  Horizontal support for the development / improvement of entrepreneurship and competitiveness of the intervention area
-  Basic services & Village renewal and development
-  Interventions to improve infrastructure in the primary sector
-  Development and improvement of forest sustainability
-  Cooperation between different actors
-  Transnational and inter-regional co-operation projects with other rural areas of Greece and Europe.

An important new element of the CLLD Local Program is **Innovation**, through cooperation with Universities and Research Institutes for the design of research and innovation activities in the fields of agricultural production and processing (olive, livestock, wine), protection of the natural and man-made environment Biosphere reserve, gastronomic culture), green energy, social economy etc.

What is the vision and strategic plan of the Regional Development Company of Parnonas for the CLLD of the Eastern Peloponnese 2014-2020?

The vision of the Regional Development Company of Parnonas for CLLD Eastern Peloponnese 2014-2020 is depicted as follows: "We are creating a biosphere reserve and business innovation zones in the Eastern Peloponnese - We are facing the economic crisis by investing in knowledge and creating jobs and collective social goods."

4th Programming Period 2007-2013

Implementation of the LEADER Approach 2007-2013



The LEADER initiative, following the experience of three programming period reached a maturity level that enabled rural areas to apply the LEADER approach more broadly under Axis 4 of the RDP, serving its key objectives.

The LEADER Local Program 2007-2013 "**Eastern Peloponnese from Eco-development to Innovation**", despite all the difficulties it faced, due to the economic crisis, has successfully proceeded on the axes:

- a) Local competitiveness**
- b) An ideal place to live, high standards of quality tourist destination**
- c) Corporateness and Extraversion.**

The Program was co-funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Objective of the Program

The implementation of actions to enhance the quality of production and services, the creation of outlets for agricultural products, the diversification of the tourist product, the upgrading of the natural and man-made environment and the emergence of the local identity, creating the necessary conditions for the region to move to eco-development the development of which it has already laid the foundations for innovation.

Financial Information	
Total Sum	10.469.900,00
Public expense	6.400.000,00
Community Participation	5.120.000,00
National Participation	1.280.000,00
Own Contribution	4.069.900,00

The Local projects LEADER has supported **127** projects with a total budget of € **14.601.940, 12**:

Private investment, with 50% of their budget, such as:

-  Processing infrastructures, standardization of agricultural, forestry and agri-food products
-  Infrastructure for accommodation, restaurants, recreation
-  Rural tourism and alternative tourism businesses
-  Cottage industries, handicrafts units, traditional art, and small manufacturing units
-  Different types of services
-  Business networking

And public interest investments with 50-100% of their budget, such as:

-  Information and promotion sites
-  Small-scale infrastructure projects, marking of attractions and monuments, improvement and redevelopment of communal areas, restoration of buildings for public use, restoration of external facades of buildings, restoration and upgrading of old infrastructure etc.
-  Pre-school childcare centers, municipal libraries, conservatories, cultural activities, museums, showrooms
-  Interventions and actions of environmental interest
-  Strengthening of cultural events
-  Inter-territorial and transnational cooperation projects

3rd Programming Period 2000-2006

Implementation of the LEADER + Local Program



The implementation of the initiative continued during the 3rd Programming Period through the **LEADER +** Program entitled "**Eco-development of Southeast Peloponnese**", which sought to find ways to address the adverse impact of organizational structures and policies in rural areas.

The Program was co-funded by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

Objective of the Program

The LEADER + Program aimed at the mild economic growth of its implementation area as an integrated policy creating the "Eco-development" model. The aim was to exploit the comparative advantages of the region, integrating it into the International and European Parks of Protected Areas, focusing on the natural and anthropogenic environment.

Financial Information	
Total Sum	8.897.545,41
Public expense	6.248.000,00
Community Participation	4.086.821,67
National Participation	1.213.178,33
Own Contribution	2.098.006,00

-  The local LEADER + program supported **83** investment projects, and approximately 276 jobs were created or maintained. The projects concerned mainly private investment projects in the fields of rural tourism, small and medium-sized enterprises and modern technologies, as well as small public projects for the exploitation of the natural, cultural and architectural heritage. Indicatively the infrastructure for accommodation, restaurants, recreation was funded and also for catering facilities, visiting farm, agro-tourism promotion center, businesses in the agricultural sector, businesses in other sectors, quality assurance system applications, new technology companies, public works of designation and protection of the environment, public projects for the promotion and protection of rural and cultural heritage)

2nd Programming Period 1994-1999

Community Initiative LEADER II



The LEADER II Community Initiative was a major tool for addressing the developmental problems of the Parnon region, such as the insufficient use of local resources (natural, rural, cultural, etc.), the limited development of the secondary and tertiary sector, population shrinking and isolation of the area.

The Program was co-funded by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund.

Objective of the Program

The program aimed at the integrated rural development of the Parnonas region through the development of complementary and alternative agricultural activities as well as the qualitative upgrading of the region's physiognomy and its characteristic features - cultural promotion - cultural tradition - natural environment - architectural heritage.

It concerned the development of the rural area as a whole with various actions, which had to have the characteristics of innovation and know-how, whilst creating jobs.

Χρηματοδοτικά Στοιχεία	
Total sum	7.177.244,31 €
Public expense	4.660.601,61 €
Community participation	3.790.582,54 €
National participation	870.019,08 €
Own contribution	2.516.639,77 €

Through the Program, **72** investment projects were supported, and some 238 jobs were created or maintained. The projects concerned the establishment of new hotel units and furnished apartments, the upgrading and equipping of existing units, the creation of traditional catering centers, the establishment and the modernization of small businesses and crafts such as carpentry and a coopers

Culture and extroversion



Η Εταιρεία έχει οργανώσει δεκάδες δράσεις (εκδηλώσεις, σεμινάρια, ημερίδες και συναυλίες/φεστιβάλ), που έχουν χρηματοδοτηθεί από το πρόγραμμα LEADER, οι οποίες ενισχύουν και προωθούν την πολιτιστική κληρονομιά της περιοχής. Ενδεικτικά:

1. Φεστιβάλ Μελιτζάzz Λεωνιδίου

The Company has organized dozens of events (seminars, workshops and concerts / festivals) funded by the LEADER program, which strengthens and promotes the cultural heritage of the region. Indicatively:

1. Leonidio Melitzazz Festival

It is being implemented for the 12th consecutive year, the last 7 in its current form. Multicolored, multinational gathering of cultures from the Mediterranean and beyond. Alternative approach, different thematic per year, high quality design and organization. It has gained strong publicity, the creation of loyal visitors, the widening of the tourist season, as well as the promotion of the local tradition, through special modules and actions for:

 Tsakonian architecture

 Tsakonian weaving

Tsakonian tradition

It was awarded with the EFFE European label of fine festivals

Web site: www.melitzazz.gr

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube: Melitzazz

2. Estella Festival Paralio Astros



First successful implementation was in 2015, at the castle of Paralio Astros and the surrounding area, during the full moon of August, in collaboration with the Local Arcadia Agency of Antiquities.

It has achieved:

-  Discovery of the "hidden treasure"
-  Implementation of small infrastructure interventions
-  Activating local bodies
-  Awakening of memories
-  New direction in cultural domain

Web site: www.estellafestival.gr

Facebook, Youtube: **Estella festival**

3. Fabbrica of culture



It is an emblematic project as a design and result that was delivered for operation in the Municipality of South Kynouria. It concerns the Renovation of the old Fabbrica Leonidio and the creation of a modern multi-site, with a permanent exhibition on the culture of Tsakonia and the Eastern Peloponnese, a conference center and educational infrastructure and a cultural heritage repository. It was implemented with the financing of the OP Competitiveness 2007-2013 through 6 sub-projects and was good management practice according to the findings of the audits of competent authorities.

4. Festival of Peloponnese



The Peloponnese Festival aimed at organizing and implementing a festival that aims at establishing itself as an institution creating cultural events at local, regional, national and international level in the Peloponnese region.

The festival supports the local cultural structures, as well as the elaboration of the program with cultural events ranging from the level of the municipality to the Regional Unity, making the Region of Peloponnese a part of culture of national and international scope.

Networking and Collaborations



Networking and partnerships are a strategic sector in which the Company has invested in supporting the achievement of its goals. Regional Development Company of Paronias is a shareholder of the Peloponnese Companies - Center for Strategic Planning and Development, Peloponnese, PETA SA Local Authority, Paronias Cultural Organization, Paronias Local Quality Asset and Corinth Cooperative Bank.

At the same time, it is a member of Hellenic Association of Development Companies, Mediterranean Network W.W.F. , Greek and European network LEADER, Network of Cooperatives for the Regional Unity of Attica Islands, Network of Finest Greek Tastes

The above is supported by a series of collaborations:

Transnational/Inter-territorial Cooperation



1. Inter-territorial Project “ Finest Greek Tastes”

The Cooperation Project was implemented with the participation of 21 Development Companies of Greece, with a coordinator of Regional Development Company of Paronias and funded by the LEADER program.

The total project budget amounted to € 373,333.67 and the implementation period was from 1.09.2012 to 31.12.2015.

The aim of the project was to highlight the delicious flavors of Greek cuisine and Greek products from many regions of the country, emphasizes selected, recognized, certified and reputed products, such as PDO - PGI origin, for the benefit of the rural economy and tourism .

A tool for implementing the long-term planning was the Network Finest Greek Tastes, which was established by 21 Development Companies, 56 Local Authorities of our country, as well as other institutions and universities, based in Leonidio, Arcadia. Through its activity it aims to promote the gastronomic tradition and the characteristic flavors created with certified and fine products from every region of Greece.

The "Finest Greek Tastes" were selected as a good practice of inter-territorial cooperation at meetings organized by the Special Management Service of the Rural Development Program 2014-2020 as well as the National Rural Network.

More information: www.finestgreek tastes.com

2. Inter-territorial Cooperation Project “ Peloponnese Island”

The Cooperation Project was implemented with the participation of the 5 Development Companies of the Peloponnese, Regional Development Company of Parnonas (Coordinator), Northern Peloponnese, Messinia, Ilia and Achaia.

The total budget amounted to € 223,255.00 and the implementation period was from 1.03.2012 to 31.12.2015.

The Project aimed at identifying the unique geographical identity of Peloponnese as a European Region of Economic, Social and Cultural Development.



The actions of the Plan concerned the elaboration of a marketing plan for the wine and the wine culture of the Peloponnese, the creation of the Wine Roads of the Peloponnese, the organization of informative / educational events and conferences, the creation of a website and a visual memento of the Peloponnese.

3. Transnational Cooperation project “ Parks Protection II: Management, Protection and Economic Development of Protected Areas”

The Cooperation Project was implemented with the participation of 3 Development Companies, coming from countries with important protected areas of Parnonas, England and Latvia.

The total budget amounted to 49,973.00 euros and the implementation period was from 1.04.2012 to 31.12.2013.

The aim of the project was development of economic activities through educational tourism in important protected areas of the natural environment, through organization of training weeks in the participating countries, creation of a web site, integrated tools for the hosting of environmental education activities in the area, and last but not least presentation of the results.



It is worth noting that the European Network for Rural Development evaluating all the actions of the transnational program presented the project as an example of good practice on their official website.

More information: www.parksprotection.eu

4. Transnational Cooperation Project “Short Mediterranean Stories” (SMS): Culture, Gastronomy, Art

The Transnational Cooperation Project was implemented with the participation of 4 Development Companies, Regional Development Company of Parnonas (Coordinator), Evros S.A., Development Company of Troodos, Gal Valle Del Crocchio (Italian LAG).



The total budget amounted to € 38,521.00 and the implementation period was from 1.04.2012 to 31.12.2013.

The aim of the program was to create institutions and events in the participating regions and to effectively network the regions through the development of partnerships and exchanges. A key tool for the implementation of the above was the establishment of the Network **Short Mediterranean Stories** which will, through its actions, highlight the participating regions and will contribute to the promotion of tourism, gastronomy and culture of each region.

More information: www.shortmedstories.com

Use of technology

The Company has implemented technology application projects to promote the identity of the area. Indicatively:

1. Digital repository of Fabbrica of Culture

Visitors, researchers, local actors, the educational community and the residents of the area also have access to the digital resource center for cultural and educational material, which offers an integrated collection of documenting material related to Tsakonian culture, production and trade, nature and culture. The application is easy to use and accessible via internet.

Web site: <http://it.fabbricaofculture.gr/moodle/>

2. Touristic applications

"Discover Tsakonia"

Creation of a tourist portal and mobile app "Discover Tsakonia" for the tourist visibility of Tsakonia and South Kynouria.

Web site: www.discovertsakonia.gr

Facebook: **Discover Tsakonia**

3. Tsakonia Archives

Digitization, distribution and promotion of the Tsakonian cultural wealth of the Archaeon Tsakonian Spiritual Foundation.

Web site: www.tsakonianarchives.gr

Facebook: **Tsakonian Archives**

Elements from the organization, operation and indicative works of the Company

Human Resources- Employment- Counseling

The Company has the basic principle of investing in human capital by creating skilled jobs through the projects and programs it implements. These jobs are related to the Company's own staffing with new scientists, high rankings in investments in the job creation criterion, but also the utilization of European Social Fund Training and Counseling resources through integrated interventions in third and fourth programming period.

Staff

The Regional Development Company of Parnonas currently employs 21 people of various specialties (geotechnical, economists, engineers, chemists, physicists, philologists, librarians, business managers, lawyers) who are characterized by increased interdisciplinary approach which is in line with the range and complexity of the

objects of the Company. More than half of these executives are at the age of 30, while 8 of them hold postgraduate degrees. It also has independent service contracts with 13 external partners to provide advice, transfer of know-how and special studies for Technical Support for Local Authorities, forming a total business structure of 34 people. The following departments operate

-  Department of Management, Programming, Social Fund & Communication
-  Department of Rural Development & Environment
-  Technical support
-  Economic department/Logistics
-  Department for procurement and monitoring of contracts
-  Law Department

During the implementation of the local CLLD program.

In order to better inform and raise awareness of the local population, the productive potential and the local - regional and national bodies, there is a Department of Awareness and Information.

Integrated actions for employment



Regional Development Company of Parnonas has implemented a number of employment, social support and counseling actions, both in the previous programming period 2000-2006 and in the 2007-2013 programming period. During the years 2002 and 2003, the Company has submitted to the Region of Peloponnese a series of proposals for the establishment and operation of social support services in the Municipalities of the Southeastern Peloponnese. Typical projects / actions that have been implemented are the following:

-  Social Work Unit "Help at Home", in 8 regions of eastern Peloponnese
-  Community Initiative EQUAL
-  Local initiatives to promote employment in areas facing particular unemployment problems
-  Integrated Interventions for Women

During the 2007-2013 programming period, a total of 160 unemployed benefited from the following social actions. Fourteen (14) people were placed in the labor market and two Social Cooperative Societies ("Kaour Ekannate" & "Escort") were established. More specifically:

1. Network for Employment in the Eastern Peloponnese



The Regional Development Company of Parnonas was the coordinating partner of the Development Partnership "**Network for Employment in the Eastern Peloponnese**". The Development Partnership implements intervention actions for the Eastern Peloponnese region and focuses on supporting the beneficiaries in terms of supply and demand of labor. The project aimed at boosting employment, combating unemployment, integrating vulnerable social groups, local development and social

cohesion. The total budget of these actions amounted to approximately € 440.000,00 and the European Social Fund (ESF) was the source of funding.

More information: www.topeko-parnonas.gr

2. Local Network for Employment in the Eastern Peloponnese



The Regional Development Company of Paronass was the coordinating partner of the Development Partnership "Local Network for Employment in the Eastern Peloponnese". The project included actions such as training programs for beneficiaries, electronic and physical networking between institutions, advice of beneficiaries and businesses and preparation of business. The overall budget of this program amounted to € 315.000,00 and the source of funding was the European Social Fund (ESF).

More information: www.topsa-parnonas.gr

Projects in the fields of environment and quality of life



During the Programming Period 2007-2013, the Technical Service of Regional Development Company of Paronass has implemented a series of public works to meet the needs of local authorities and citizens through the submission of proposals and the monitoring of the implementation of projects under the co-financed programs: Environment & Sustainable Development, OP "Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship" (ERDF), "Western Greece - Peloponnese - Ionian Islands" (ERDF).

Indicatively, the following projects were mentioned:

-  Leonidio Drainage and sewage treatment plant → 10.924.852,65 €
-  Centre for the promotion of the agricultural history and the sea routes in the Eastern Peloponnese → 2.883.935,99€
-  Building energy enhancement of Leonidio's elementary school → 337.021,84€
-  Building restoration of information center for flora of Mountain Paronass → 600.000,00€
-  Energy upgrading of municipal building of South Kynouria's Municipality → 176.631,65 €
-  Infrastructure upgrades of the municipal building of daycare center in Leonidio → 500.000,00€
-  Replacement water supply of villages MOMA Kalamon, Marathousas & water supply extension within A.S.P. of Megalopolis → 1.250.000,00€

The Technical Service

The Company operates an organized Technical Service with an appropriate number and specializations of technical personnel, which has undertaken responsibilities under the provisions of the Public Procurement Law and has appointed the competent bodies of the Contracting Authority (Head of Administration - Managing Authority) and other advisors and decision-making bodies.

The Technical Service is presented in the organizational chart of the Company and is staffed on the basis of the applicable legislation. It has been entrusted with the duties

of Head of the Department as well as Head of Departments of Studies and Works and appointed competent bodies of the contracting authority

Objects of the Technical Service

1. Programming for proposals, integration and monitoring of the implementation of projects under co-financed projects
2. Implementation of studies-services-projects

Quality and Safety

Since 2003, the Regional Development Company of Parnonas has implemented a Quality Management System in accordance with the **ISO 9001 standard**, aiming to ensure high quality in its activities and its services as well as the upgrading of its organization.

The Company meets the management requirements of potential beneficiaries of NSRF 2014-2020 projects and in particular the requirements for administrative capacity through ISO 9001 certification



Awards / Distinctions

Integrated Energy Planning Building

In 2014, the 2nd European Green Building Award for Integrated Energy Planning was awarded, under the framework of the European project MaTrID, for the study of the Basourakos building in Skala, Lakonia.



Climbing Park Leonidio

Climbing Park of Leonidio was awarded in 2017 by the Council of Europe, under the program "Good Practices of the Municipalities of Greece"



