

LOCAL ACTION GROUP: "ACHAIA S.A. – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY S.A."

Area: 3.271.500 sq.m
Population: 72,633 inhabitants
No of Municipalities: 21 (plus 2 Communities)
Region: Achaia

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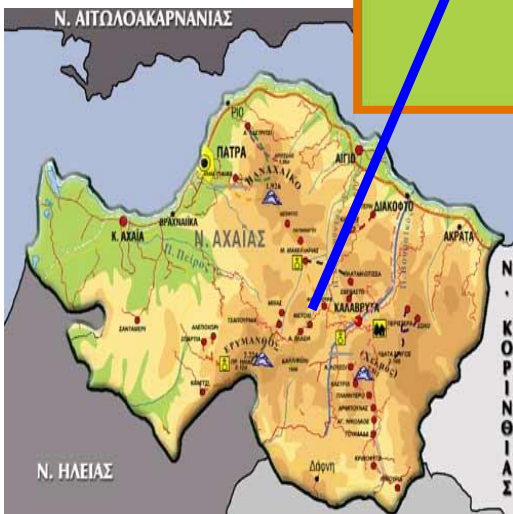
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The **Local Development Agency ACHAIA S.A.** was created in 1998 by organizations of Local Administration of Achaia region, intending to develop the agricultural sector of the region, especially by means of management & implementation of European Programmes (e.g: Community Initiative LEADER II, LEADER+, etc).

Area covered by the Agency: The whole **Region of Achaia (21 Municipalities =>** Patras, Egira, Egio, Akrata, Aroania, Vrachneika, Diakopto, Dimi, Erineos, Kalavrita, Larissou, Lefkasio, Messatida, Momvri, Paos, Paralia, Rio, Sympolitia, Tritea, Farres, and Olenia, **plus 2 Communities =>** Kaletzi and Leondio).



Map Below:
The Region of Achaia



Brief description of the Region

The harmonious combination of mountains and the sea makes the area an ideal place to visit all around the year, offering the visitors breathtaking alterations of scenery. The coastal line extends to 125 kms. Beautiful mountains and natural monuments, such as the Vouraikos Canyon with its Cog Railway and the Cave of the Lakes, picturesque settlements and modern tourism infrastructure, including the Ski Center, Paragliding, Mountaineering and Canoe-kayak facilities offer a wealth of choices to agrotourism lovers, while lacy seaside routes complete the area's profile. Alongside of the region of Achaia there are many places worth visiting such as: Religious and Historic Landmarks (e.g. "The Place of Sacrifice" in Kalavrita), Monasteries, Museums, Protected Landscapes of NATURA 2000 (Chelmos mountain and Vouraikos River), archeological sites, traditional guesthouses, local wineries e.t.c. Apart from the splendid landscapes the region of Achaia is also gastronomically rich. There are traditional shops with local handmade products (different types of pasta, sweets, local cheeses, "Tentoura" liqueur e.t.c.) and traditional delicacies such as: "feta" cheese from Kalavrita, "trachanas" soup, smoked trout, "rodozachari" (rose-petal preserve), pasta squares e.t.c. A particular gastronomic destination - because of its local trout and salmon breeding farms - is the village of Planitero, while wine enthusiasts can taste blends from local varieties ("Roditis", "Mavrodafne" and "Mavro Kalavritino").