

MATURITY OF STUDIES FOR THE ATTRACTION OF INVESTORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT CENTRE OF THESPROTIA

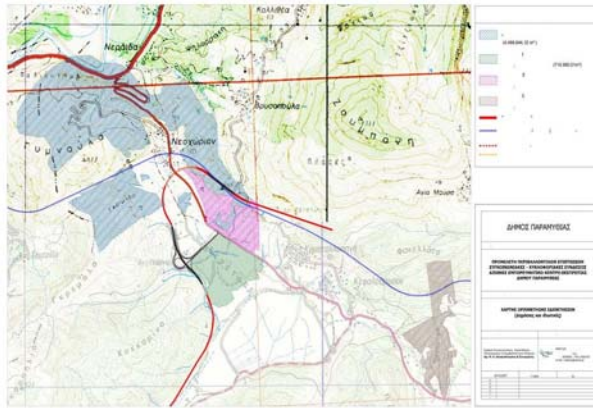


IMPETUS has been signed as the contractor for the development of the International Freight Centre in Thesprotia, Municipality of Paramythia (under PPP legislation). The aim of the project is to lead to the attraction of possible investors after the completion of the two phases of the Project.

The location of this center is in Neochori interchange of Egnatia Odos, and its distance through Egnatia highway to the Port of Igoumenitsa is 24 km. The railway line from Kozani, Ioannina to Igoumenitsa is under final study now and is passing from the exact location of the proposed "International Freight Center of Thesprotia in Neochori", therefore this international center will cover, road, sea and rail with a minimum capacity (planning stage) of 500.000 ITU's, unattended, etc and more than 300.000 sqm in closed facilities. Due to the geographical link of Greece to the Balkans, Asia and Middle East, as well as being in the closest port to the European Union, the operation of the Igoumenitsa port is essential for the region of Thesprotia. .



In particular for the Northern Greek regions and especially for the Prefecture of Thesprotia, the creation of the new port, and the Egnatia Highway, has helped the agricultural producers and aquaculture farmers to find more efficient ways of transporting their products, taking advantage of its strategic position. Regarding the existing logistics infrastructure, there are several private organisations with bases mainly in the North of Greece, which handle the main volume of business. The planned area is flat and next to the motorway. The location provides a perfect rail and road connection which is very important for a freight logistics centre as well as good building parameters. On this area a compact multimodal hub can be designed.



The first phase of the project which involved the preparation of the final business plan had already been submitted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (handling all PPP projects) and we have already proceeded to the second phase which is the identification and attraction of possible investors. Therefore, we certainly believe, that the planning of the International Freight Center of Thesprotia will be available at 2012-2013 time period.

More specifically, it is worth mentioning that market analysis in the area confirms market demand for renting logistics facilities and buying logistics services at the International Freight Center of Thesprotia.

- Close to Port of Igoumenitsa with a present volume of 3,5 Mio t (in 2007).
- Located on a main route for trucks between Turkey and Italy (Western Europe)
- Excellent road and rail connections (planned) to all the important industrial zones in Greece.
- Thesprotia International Freight Centre is the **first modern logistics centre in the region** and therefore offers a favourable competitive position.
- Near to a new industrial park
- The Centre will cause at least in the start phase 30 full-time equivalent jobs.
- The logistics company renting space inside the centre will create additional 50 full-time equivalent jobs within 3 years.



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