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Integrated Spatial Development Strategy (OXA) of Latsia and Yeri

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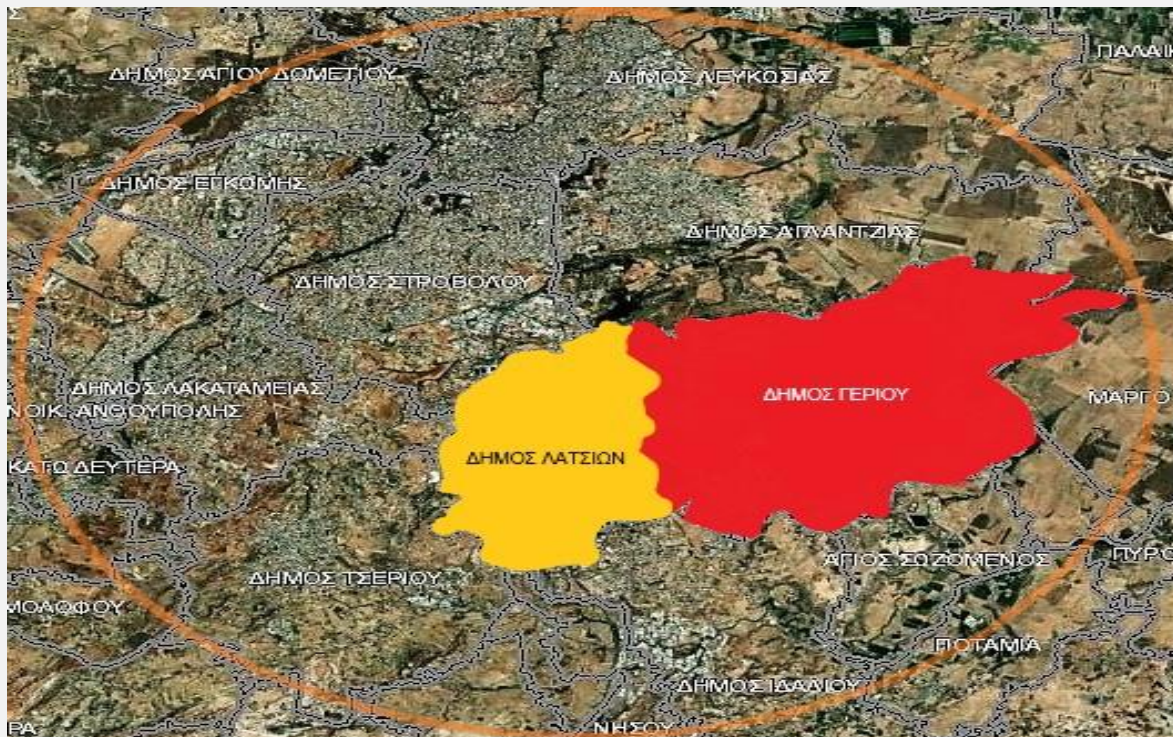
Framework of the Local Strategy

◆ Network of Municipalities :

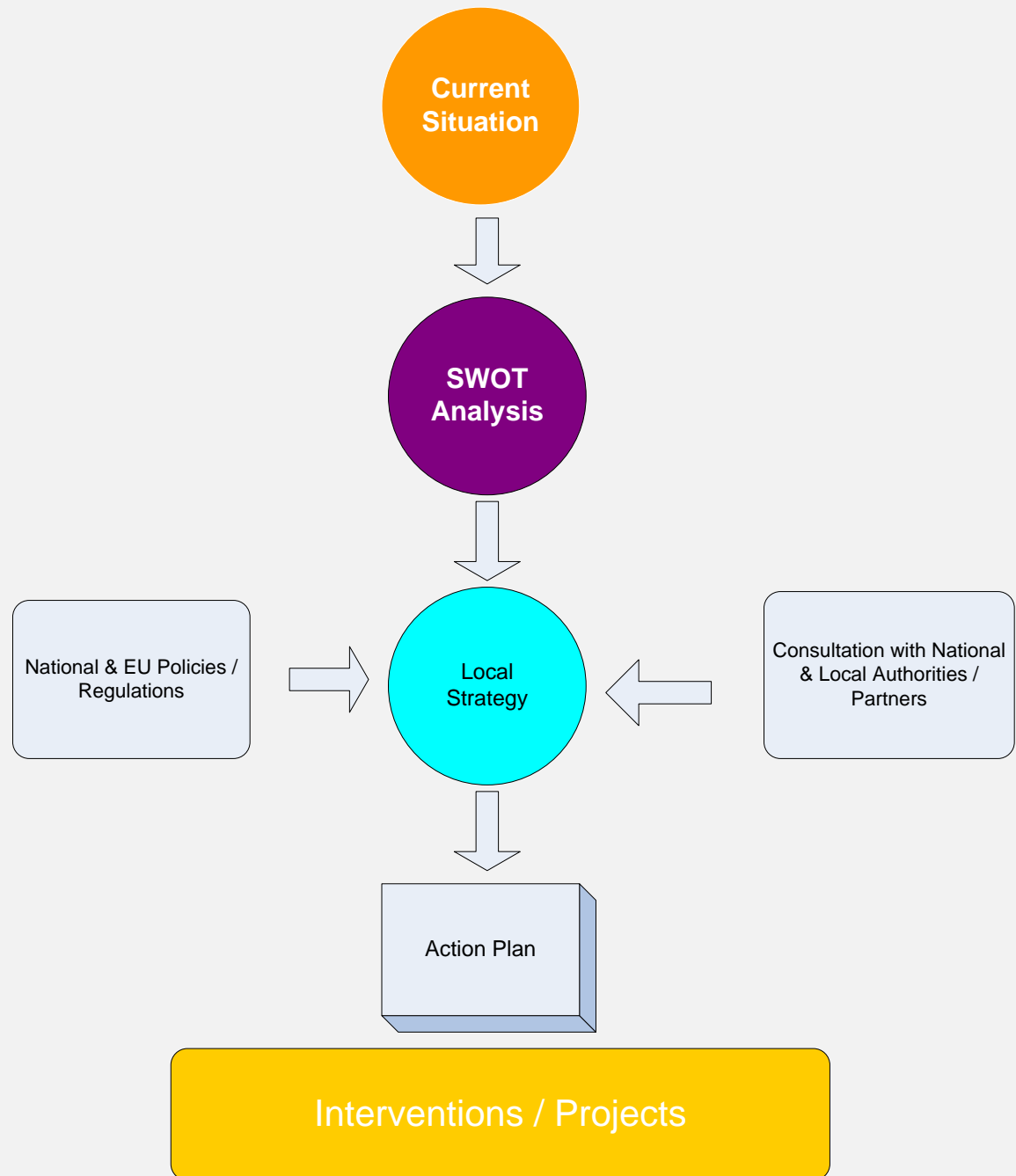
- Latsia (Leader) and
- Yeriou (Partner).



◆ Strategy Duration : 2021-2027.



Methodology



Spatial Framework (1/2)

- ◆ Urban - semi-urban area (residential areas, industrial areas, wastelands or cultivated areas).
- ◆ Perimeter of Nicosia (in the southern urban formation of the urban complex of the capital).
- ◆ High Level Development (with significant residential activity).
- ◆ Increasing density (25,009 in 2011 and an estimate of > 34,000 in 2021).
- ◆ A significant part of the population comes from occupied areas (65+ years old).
- ◆ Increased percentage of young people in the composition of the population.
- ◆ Economy (services sector, independent of tourism, with a significant number of manufacturing companies in the two Industrial Zones and Industrial Areas).

Spatial Framework Presentation (2/2)

◆ Intervention area :

- Network of Local Authorities with common characteristics and similar problems / needs.
- Proven spatial relevance and interconnected functionality (eg road network).
- Composition of joint interventions / interrelated Actions (coherence / relevance).
- Long-term Cooperation (eg clustering of services).



◆ Achieving long-term improvement of economic, environmental, climatic, social and demographic conditions.

SWOT Analysis -1/6

◆ Strengths

- Central location of intervention area (close to Nicosia, national road network, access to core services, health and education structures, etc.).
- Significant number of green spaces (urban green spaces, etc.).
- Important environmental resources / Natural ecosystems (Athalassa National Park, Lourka Forest, Kakkaristra-Apalou gorge).
- Important cultural activities (eg festivals).
- Increase of population.
- Positive indicators of aging and dependence in relation to the rest of the country (especially in the areas of Yeri).

SWOT Analysis -1/6

◆ Strengths

- Strong presence of productive age groups.
- Lower rates of poverty and social exclusion compared to the Province of Nicosia and the country as a whole.
- Limited incidents of delinquency.
- Satisfactory network of social services of the Municipalities.
- Clustered manufacturing activity in the intervention area with organization of processing in Industrial zones and areas.
- Increased investment interest in urban real estate.
- Political will for cooperation for the sustainable development of the region.
- Administrative capacity in the design and implementation of development projects.

SWOT Analysis) -2/6

◆ Weaknesses

- Part of the intervention area remains occupied and is not controlled by the Republic of Cyprus.
- Identified problems of aging of the residential stock of the area.
- Unsatisfactory utilization of the elements of the urban environment.
- Lack of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan in the urban core of the area.
- Unemployment rates corresponding to those of the country, with increasing trends.
- High unemployment of women and young men.
- High rate of vulnerable groups in the total population (retirees, single-parent families, unemployed, immigrants).

SWOT Analysis) -3/6

◆ Weaknesses

- Lack of dynamic professions in areas directly related to development.
- Lack of dynamic branches in the local productive structure, dependence of the local economy on traditional branches of the Services sector.
- Need to strengthen and upgrade the industrial infrastructure.
- Problems in the internal road network of the area that limit the accessibility between the two Municipalities.
- Municipal waste management problems.
- Certain areas are facing the effects of climate change (eg floods).
- High rates of energy consumption in public buildings.

SWOT Analysis -4/6

◆ Opportunities

- Integration of the Municipalities of the area in the wider spatial planning - development planning of the Province of Nicosia (Nicosia Local Plan, SVAAK).
- Significant opportunities for planning and implementation of projects in the context of co-financed interventions by ERDF in the programming period 2021-2027.
- Opportunities to use resources for interventions related to the upgrading of the urban environment, waste management, energy savings in the effort to prevent and address the effects of climate change.

SWOT Analysis -5/6

◆ Opportunities

- Expansion of the social protection network by Municipalities, in the context of horizontal interventions at national level during the new programming period.
- Possibilities to attract productive activities, due to the location of the area in the Province of Nicosia and the operation of organized spaces.
- Familiarization of the Local Government with the planning and implementation of interventions for the local development (OXA type interventions).
- Local Government Reform.
- Utilization of administrative capacity of Local Authorities and Development Agency of Nicosia.

SWOT Analysis -6/6

◆ Threats

- Deterioration of quality of life due to lack of organization of the urban environment and appearance of saturation points of the urban infrastructure.
- Unstable economic environment due to crises caused by external factors to the country's economy.
- Re-burdening of the unemployment rate due to unstable economic environment (eg due to pandemic).
- Risks due to phenomena related to climate change.
- Load on the bearing capacity due to population growth, nuisance, pollution, etc.

Strategy (1/2)

Development vision

Sustainable development of the area

***Latsia - Geriou, as an urban functional area,
on the basis of addressing modern economic, social and
environmental challenges to ensure conditions of economic
prosperity and social cohesion.***

4 Axes

5 Basic Objectives (BO)

Strategy (2/2)

Development Vision

Sustainable development of the urban functional area of the Municipalities of Latsia - Geri: Economic prosperity and social cohesion through addressing modern economic, social and environmental challenges.

Strategic Goal

Spatial and economic integration of the Latsia - Geri area to achieve conditions of social prosperity and social cohesion, through the upgrading of the productive environment and social services, the upgrading, protection and utilization of its environmental resources and the improvement of the quality of life of its inhabitants.

Axis 1:
Strengthening
competitiveness
and ICT

Axis 2:
Environmental
Protection &
Sustainable
Development

Axis 3:
Enhancing
accessibility
and sustainable
urban mobility

Axis 4: Social
inclusion and the
fight against
poverty and
discrimination

B01: Upgrading
of Productive
Environment

B04: Prevent and
address the effects
of climate change
by integrating
energy efficiency
and waste
prevention
practices into the
city's day-to-day
operations.

B02: Improving
the accessibility
of the region
and promoting
Sustainable
Urban Mobility

B03: Upgrading basic infrastructure,
highlighting the urban environment
and improving the quality of life.

B05: Upgrading the
social services
provided to enhance
social cohesion

Actions - Strategy Axis 1

Strategy Axis 1

➤ Suggested Projects

- Upgrade of industrial areas / zones.
- Creation of a digital ecosystem in the Municipality of Latsia and in the Municipality of Yeri

Actions - Strategy Axis 2

➤ Suggested Projects

- Theme park design and development (skateboard)
- Design and creation of a linear park of Zodias street
- Formation of a traditional core of Geri (Iroon square)
- Reconstruction of Latsia old buildings
- Design and creation of a linear park of Saint George
- Creation of a square in the parish of Agios Georgios (Latsia)
- Establishment of a separate collection system at the source of municipal solid waste and implementation of a "pay what you throw" system in local authorities

Actions - Strategy Axis 2

- **Suggested Projects**

- Creation of Pallourokampos environmental park.
- Flood protection works
- Creation of a geological park in the gorge of Kakkaristra
- Creation of an urban park in the Lourka forest
- Energy upgrade of public buildings
- Restoration of Peace Square (Agios Eleftherios Settlement)
- Design and creation of a linear park of Apostle Luke
- Dog park design and development
- Creation of a cultural center in preserved houses in the traditional core of Yeri (houses of Gialouros and Fala).
- Renovation of refugee settlements in the municipality of Latsia.

Actions - Strategy Axis 3

Suggested Projects

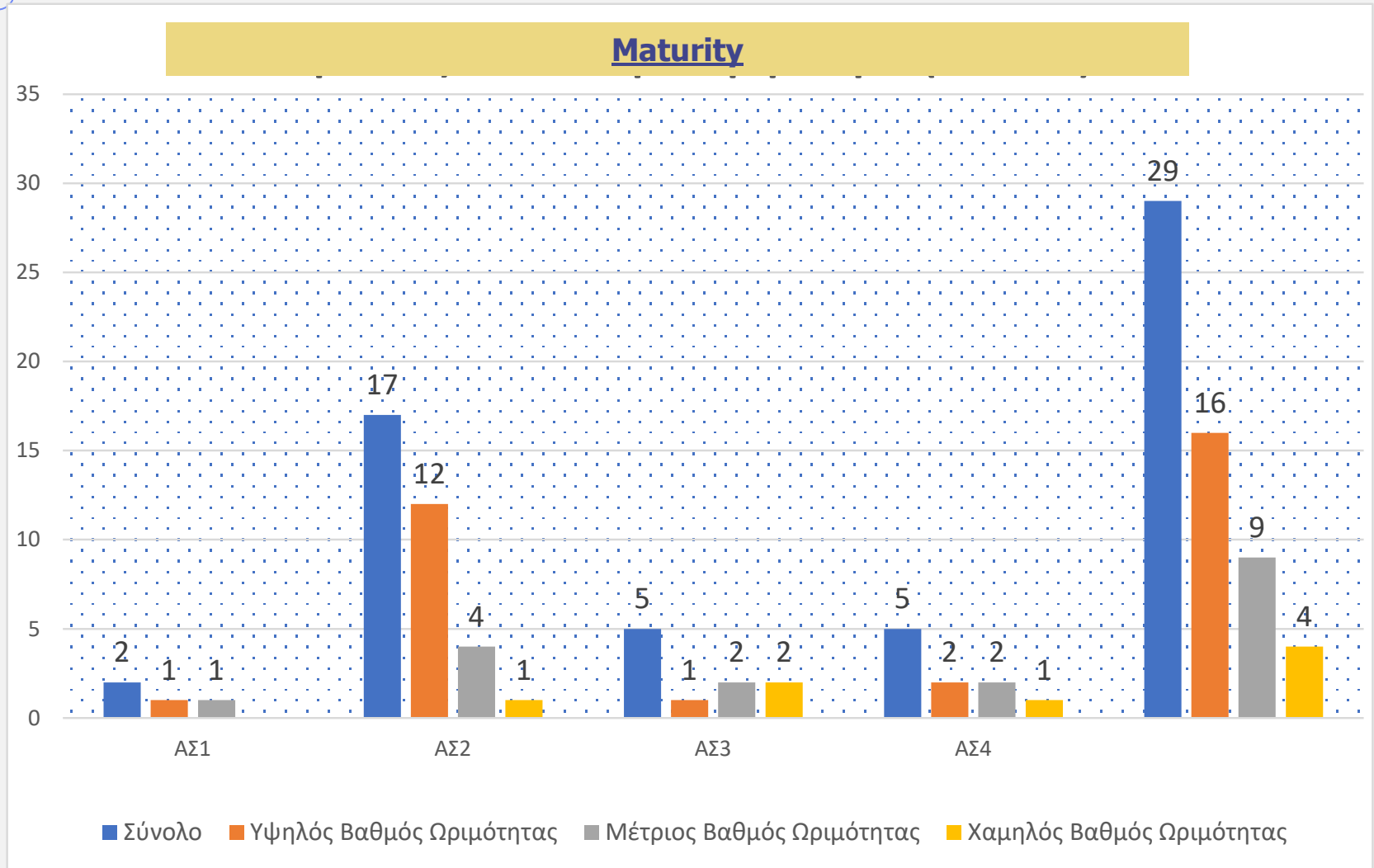
- F. Papakyprianou Avenue
- Archbishop Kyprianou road
- Saint George road
- Kalamon Avenue (pedestrianization, lighting)
- Great Alexander road (extension)

Actions - Strategy Axis 4

▶ Suggested projects

- Design and development of a park for disabled people
- Actions focused on the integration / reintegration of young people into the labour market.
- Actions for social integration of vulnerable groups (immigrants, former users, released prisoners, etc.)
- Actions to enhance Basic / Digital Skills
- Increasing the Capacity of Multipurpose Centres.

Actions



Blue: Total / Orange: High degree of maturity / Grey: Moderate degree of maturity / Yellow: Low degree of maturity

Expected Results per BO (1/3)

Basic Objective

• Expected Results

BO1: Upgrading the Productive Environment

- Facilitate business development
- Modernization of the production process and increase SME productivity

BO2: Improving the accessibility of the region and promoting Sustainable Urban Mobility

- Revitalization of the urban environment
- Promoting the shift to sustainable, accessible, multimodal public transport of low pollutants
- Reducing the use of private vehicles for transportation, through the promotion of bicycle use and hiking
- Ensuring the health and safety of citizens, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Promoting urban mobility in the downtrodden areas
- Digitalization of public services offering by the Local Authorities

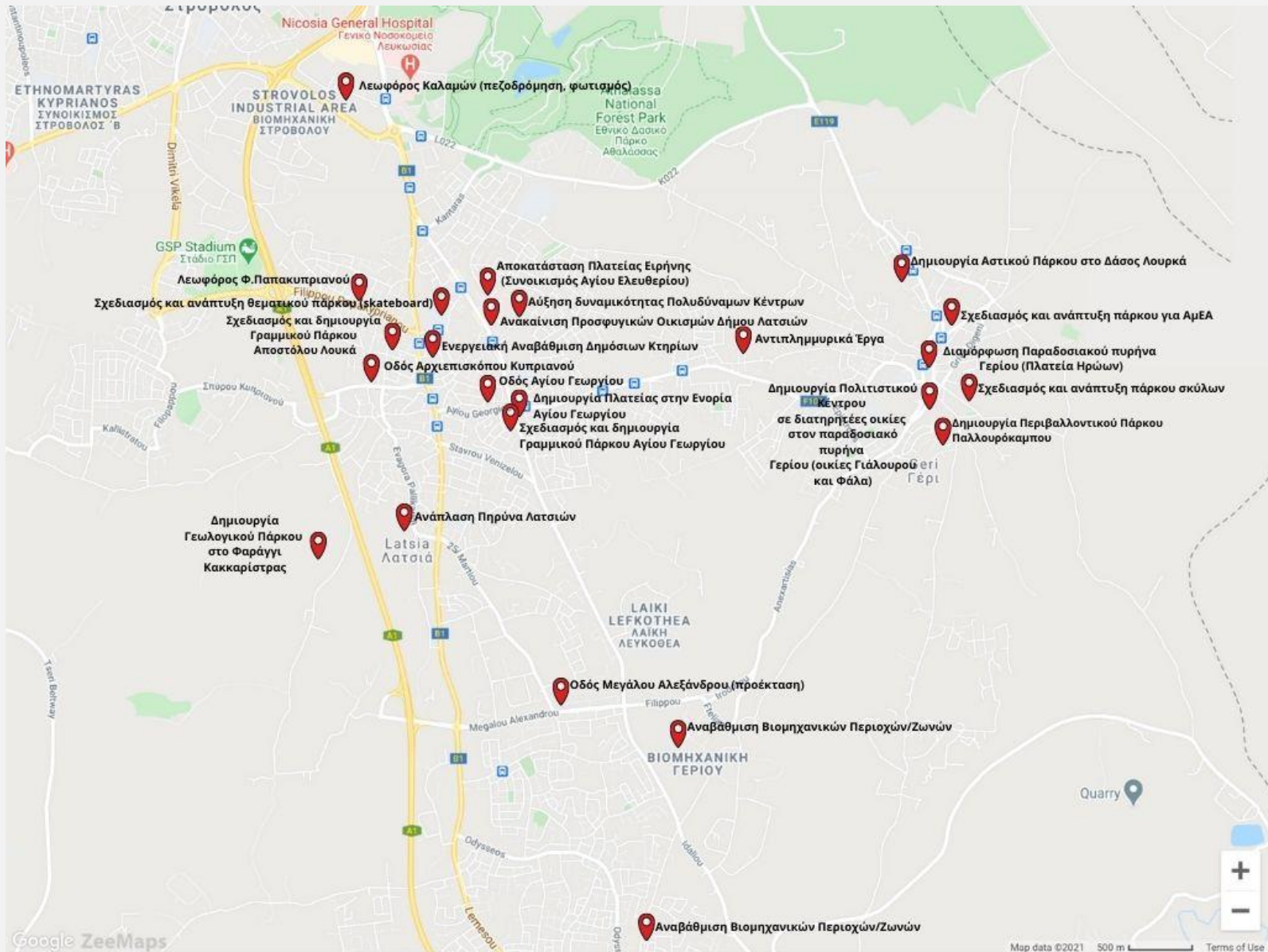
Expected Results per BO (2/3)

Main Objective	Expected Results
BO3: Upgrading the basic infrastructures, promotion of the urban one environment and improving the quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revitalization of the urban environment• Improving living conditions in history centres
BO4: Preventing and addressing the consequences of climate change by incorporating energy efficiency practices and waste prevention on a daily basis city activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction of energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions• Increase of the RES percentage in the total energy production• Increasing the energy efficiency of public buildings• Increase the quality of life and consequently reduce premature deaths• Dealing with the effects of climate change• Improve solid waste management, reduce waste volume and increase recycling rate• Effective management of water resources• Fighting desertification• Protecting terrestrial habitats from the dangers of climate change

Expected Results per BS (3/3)

Main Objective	Expected Results
BO5: Upgrading the social services provided to enhance social cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving the quality of life of citizens and reducing their people and risk of poverty and social exclusion• Inclusion of the potentially disabled population in employment, ensuring an adequate livelihood their support for independent living and their integration into the community as well as their support in decision-making and its exercise legal capacity• Holistic psychological support of vulnerable groups populations in greatest needs, improving their quality of life, long-term and home care as well as their active integration in the labour market and society• Offer affordable and quality preschool education and care, especially to children from disadvantaged families, with the aim of facilitating its integration of parents in the labour market and smooth integration and development of children in education systems.

Actions - Spatial Illustration





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