

**Pact of Islands European Conference: Brussels 21 November 2012**

**The role of the  
General Secretariat of the Aegean & Island Policy  
in the framework of the ISLE-PACT Project**

**Ioannis Spilanis**, *Assistant Professor*  
*General Secretary of the Aegean & Island Policy*

**GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE AEGEAN & ISLAND POLICY**  
**MINISTRY OF SHIPPING & THE AEGEAN**

2 Mikras Asias Str.  
81100 MYTILINI

[www.ypai.gr](http://www.ypai.gr)

## **Contents**

- **The General Secretariat of the Aegean & Island Policy (GSAIP)**
- **The current Spatial Responsibilities of GSAIP**
- **A New Strategy for the Greek Island Regions**
- **Social Economy: a tool for implementing the New Strategy**
- **The role of GSAIP within the framework of the ISLE-PACT Project**

## **The General Secretariat of the Aegean & Island Policy**

- **The General Secretariat of the Aegean & Island Policy (GSAIP)** runs under the auspices of the **Ministry of Shipping & the Aegean** (Presidential Decree 94/2012, Article 5.1.(b) )
- **The Ministry of Shipping & the Aegean:** was recently established by the Article 5.1.(a) of the Presidential Decree 94/2012

## **Current Spatial Responsibilities of GSAIP**

### **1. Region of North Aegean**

**Islands of Lesvos-Limnos-Agios Efstratios**

**Islands of Chios-Oinousses-Psara**

**Islands of Samos-Ikaria-Fourni**

### **2. Region of South Aegean**

**Cyclades Group of Islands**

**Dodekanisa Group of Islands**

- A legal procedure is in progress in order to cover all greek islands**

# Pact of Islands European Conference: Brussels 21 November 2012



## Island Regions of Greece



## **A New Strategy for the Greek Island Regions**

**The New Developing Strategy for the Greek Island Regions relies on 3 concepts:**

- 1. "Qualitative" Islands**
- 2. "Green" Islands**
- 3. Islands of "Equal Opportunities"**

## **“Qualitative” Islands**

**“Qualitative” islands=islands offering products & services of high quality by:**

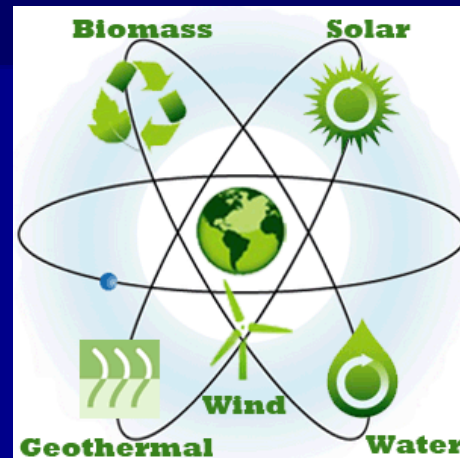
- **Utilizing their local natural and cultural resources**
- **Incorporating the technical know-how and skilled work**



## "Green" Islands

"Green" islands=islands which implement policies including:

- "Reduce" of the use of the already limited water and energy resources ("Effective use")
- "Reuse" of materials which are products of **Recycling Processes**





## **Islands of “Equal Opportunities”**



**Islands of “Equal Opportunities”=islands providing  
General Economic Interest Services offering:**

- **“Equal Job Opportunities” to their inhabitants**
- **“Equal Opportunities” to potential investors**

## **Social Economy: a tool for implementing the New Strategy for the Greek Island Regions**

- 1. "Qualitative" Islands:** Develop action plans by utilizing public and communal resources (e.g. public or municipal property etc.), as well as intangible assets for tourists with specialized interests.
- 2. "Green" Islands:** Management of natural resources (e.g. forest biomass management and forest fire prevention).
- 3. Islands of "Equal Opportunities":** Encourage and support innovative actions towards the development of the remote and isolated island regions by providing to their inhabitants the proper motives (e.g. social services, IT technical know-how, scientific consultancy etc.).

## **The role of **GSAIP** in the framework of the ISLE-PACT Project**

**Encourage and support the concept of **Social Economy** in the Greek Island Regions for the development of **Renewable Energy Resources** (geothermal, solar etc) and a **more effective use of energy**.**

### **Applications**

**Agriculture** (e.g. aquacultures, greenhouses, fruit and vegetable drying by using geothermal energy)

**Energy** (e.g. teleheating and telecooling by using geothermal energy, electric power production by using wind, solar and geothermal energy)

**Tourism** (e.g. spa/health tourism)

**Thank you very much  
for your attention**

***genikos@ypai.gr***

***dgal@ypai.gr & talva@ypai.gr***

**GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE AEGEAN & ISLAND POLICY  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING & THE AEGEAN**

**2 Mikras Asias Str.  
81100 MYTILINI, GREECE**