

NORTH CORFU MUNICIPALITY



Raising awareness of fundamental rights and EU values through sustainable transportation infrastructure

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From Island Challenges to EU Values: Building a Sustainable & Inclusive Transportation Future for North Corfu



- **Our Guiding Theme - Connecting Local Action to EU Ideals**

For North Corfu, sustainable transport is not just an environmental goal; it is a commitment to:

- Social Cohesion & Equity (A Fundamental Right): Ensuring all residents and visitors, regardless of age, ability, or income, can access our island's opportunities.
- Territorial Cohesion (An EU Value): Bridging the gap between remote villages and central services, strengthening our connection to the European community.
- Participatory Democracy (An EU Value): Engaging our citizens in the decisions that shape their mobility and their environment.

North Corfu in a Nutshell: A Living Laboratory

Key Characteristics:

- ✓ **Geography:** A blend of coastal hubs, mountainous villages, & remote peninsulas.
- ✓ **Economy:** Heavily reliant on seasonal tourism, with a backbone of local fisheries and agriculture.
- ✓ **The Core Challenge:** A transportation system under pressure from seasonality, geographic fragmentation, & the need to protect a fragile ecosystem..



Our Foundation: A Proven Commitment to Sustainability

The Green Award 2021:

1st Prize in Greece for "Recycling Programme with sorting at source."

- **What it Demonstrates:**

- **Proactive Environmental Leadership:** We don't just follow policies; we create exemplars.
- **Successful Community Engagement:** We built a network of 104 recycling centres in collaboration with schools, hotels, and NGOs.
- **A Culture of Sustainability:** This award proves our community is ready and willing to participate in ambitious green initiatives, including sustainable mobility.



A Strategic Leap Forward - The Small Ports Management Office

- **The Challenge:** Our vital small ports (Kassiopi, Sidari, Agios Stefanos, etc.) suffer from fragmented management, safety issues, and a lack of basic services.
- **Our Innovative Solution:** The establishment of a **centralized Small Ports Management Office**.
- **Strategic Aims:**
 - Unified, professional management.
 - Enhanced safety and security for all users.
 - Efficient use of revenues and pursuit of EU funding.
 - Environmental protection of the coastal zone.



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Linking Ports to the GreenMove Vision - Our Concrete Proposals

How the Ports Management Office becomes the engine for sustainable mobility and EU values:

Initiative	Direct Impact on Mobility & Values
1. Electrification of Ports	Install charging stations for electric vessels and vehicles. Value: Environmental Protection & Innovation.
2. "Last-Mile" Connectivity	Integrate port arrivals with EV shuttle services, bike-sharing hubs, and accessible pathways. Value: Social Inclusion & Territorial Cohesion.
3. Digital "Mobility Hub"	A single app for info on ferry schedules, EV rentals, and bike availability. Value: Access to Information as a Right.
4. Community-Led "Port Sustainability Charters"	Engage fishermen, tour operators, and residents in creating shared rules for waste management (linking to our Green Award success) and low-noise operations. Value: Participatory Democracy.



Realistic Scenarios & Proposals for a Greener North Corfu

- **Proposal 1: The "Kassiopi Circular Tour"**
 - **Scenario:** A boat arrives at the newly managed Kassiopi port.
 - **Solution:** Tourists disembark and are guided to a dedicated hub for e-bike rentals, electric minibuses, and mapped routes to local businesses and cultural sites, reducing congestion and emissions.



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- **Proposal 2: The "Inclusive Acharavi Corridor"**
 - **Scenario:** An elderly resident or a family with a stroller needs to travel from a village to the coast.
 - **Solution:** Develop a scheduled, accessible electric shuttle service connecting the Acharavi Folklore Museum area with nearby beaches, ensuring safe and dignified access for all.




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- **Proposal 3: "Adopt-a-Path" Community Program**
 - **Scenario:** Maintaining and signposting scenic walking/cycling paths between villages.
 - **Solution:** A civic engagement program where local communities and businesses "adopt" a path, ensuring its upkeep and promoting active, zero-emission mobility.



A Call for Collaboration & The GreenMove Advantage

-  **Knowledge Sharing:** We are keen to learn from your e-tools, especially in port management software, EV infrastructure planning, and citizen engagement platforms.
- **Peer Review:** We invite your feedback on our Small Ports Management Office plan.
- **Joint Initiatives:** Explore creating an "Island & Coastal Mobility" working group within GreenMove.
- **Leveraging the Project:** We will use website and the network's shared tools to implement these proposals cost-effectively.

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Conclusion: Sailing Towards a Shared Horizon

- **Recap:** North Corfu is transforming its challenges into opportunities by embedding **EU values** into the very fabric of its transportation planning.
- **Our Pledge:** We are committed to being a living example of how rural and island communities can lead the way in sustainable, inclusive, and democratically-driven mobility.



Thank you for your attention!!

