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## EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY 2021

### Rooting for a greener future!

The Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat of the European Territorial Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020", in cooperation with the Municipality of Oreokastro are organising in the framework of the European Cooperation Day 2021 (EC-Day 2021), a **tree planting event**. The event will take place on **Saturday, the 25th of September 2021** at the area "Alonia" of the Municipality of Oreokastro (next to the Municipal Citizen's Service Centre - [location](#)), from **10.00 a.m. to 13.00 p.m.**

Climate change is a fact and its effects are being noticed worldwide. Extreme weather events and forest fires are becoming more common all over the world. A typical example are the fires of August that hit our country, destroying large areas of forest and causing significant damage to settlements and property. According to experts, tree planting is the most immediate, affordable and easy solution, with which each one of us can contribute to the protection of the environment and our planet.

For this reason, we invite you to participate in the tree planting event we are organising, contributing in this way to the enhancement of our environment and the improvement of our neighborhood. The planting of small saplings in the urban area of the Municipality of Oreokastro will offer multiple benefits to the residents, most importantly it will create a new "green" open space which will operate as a new source of oxygen, improving at the same time the microclimate of the wider area.

The event will take place outdoors and will be open to the public, however, all participants are kindly requested to respect the preventative measures in force against the spread of COVID-19. 🧑‍🤝‍🧑

In case more restrictive measures against the spread of COVID-19 are applied, relevant announcements will be published on the Programme website and social media pages, informing the interested parties of the event re-arrangements.

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## GREEN IT UP! THINK GREEN → ACT GREEN → GO GREEN!

### **What is European Cooperation Day and what do we celebrate?**

We commemorate the European Cooperation Day (also known as “EC Day”) on 21 September every year and this year we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the ECDay campaign!

**Why do we celebrate cooperation?** Europe is a mix of cultures and economies that need to understand each other in order to reach their maximum potential. For this reason, the European Union (EU) encourages cooperation in different ways. One of them is through the cooperation programmes, which allocate more than 10 billion euros for the regions to work together on common challenges: climate adaptation, social inclusion, migration...

**How is this done in practice?** Through projects involving regions all over Europe and neighboring countries. They have helped increase cultural understanding and overcome economic disparities throughout territories. Don’t you think this is a good reason to celebrate?

With the “**European Cooperation Day**” campaign, we would like to remind citizens that many good things come out when we join forces. In the past events, people cycled together, sang together, ate together, and in general had a wonderful time in each other’s company in hundreds of events organised by EU cooperation programmes in over 30 countries.

**Everybody can join this celebration.** In September, many events are organised in different regions of Europe in order to commemorate the benefits of cooperation: film festivals, concerts, running races, local markets, gastronomic fairs... and more! Find an event in your city or nearby and come celebrate with us.



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