

ENTREPRENEURIAL DISCOVERY FOCUS GROUP ON NON METALLIC MINERALS IN EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE

5 May 2015

Kouros Hotel, Drama, Greece

Simultaneous translation will be provided between Greek and English in the plenary sessions and consecutive translation in selected parallel sessions

09:00 – 09:30	Registration – Welcome coffee
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Introductory plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome - <i>George Pavlides, Regional Governor of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace</i> • Welcome – <i>Vassilios Pitsinigkos, Manager of the Special Managing Authority of the Operational Programme of Eastern Macedonia – Thrace Region</i> • Introduction to the project and context of non-metallic minerals in Greece and REMTh – <i>Karel Haegeman - JRC-IPTS</i> • Smart Specialisation Strategy for Eastern Macedonia and Thrace: setting priorities – <i>Yiannis Toliás - Innovatia Systems</i> • Methodological approach for the parallel EDP sessions – <i>Elisabetta Marinelli - European Commission's Joint Research Centre – IPTS</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:45	<p>Plenary presentations in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Innovative trends and technologies in the marble industry, <i>Maria Menegaki, Professor, National Technical University of Athens</i> 2) Research & innovation, sustainability and environment - Perspectives from Portugal, <i>Nelson Cristo, General Manager of Cevalor, Technological Centre for the Portuguese Natural Stone</i> 3) Innovation in the marble industry, to preserve architectonical and cultural heritage. Perspectives from Spain, <i>Francisco Fernández Cortés, Director of Centro Tecnológico del Marmol, Pedra y Materiales</i> 4) Marble and zeolite: Qualities, reserves and value – Industrial, environmental and agricultural applications, <i>Prof. Anestis Fillipidis and Emeritus Prof. Ananias Tsirambidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</i> 5) Marble and cultural heritage – Prospects, <i>George Karadedos, Emeritus Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</i>
12:45 – 13:30	Networking lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Parallel EDP sessions - Presentations on national context</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Research and innovation for energy and environmental optimization of the marble production chain, <i>Constantine Laskaridis, Manager,</i>

"Lithos" Laboratory, of the Institute of Geological and Mineral Research

- 2) **Management of marble quarries & aggregates – Waste & environmental impacts**, *Evangelos Kargiotis, Professor, Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Institute of Technology*

Interactive discussion in parallel sessions

15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break
15:20 – 16:30	Parallel EDP sessions - continued
16:30 – 16:45	Plenary – Reporting back from the parallel sessions
16:45 – 17:00	Summary and conclusions